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Sūtra-khaṇḍa

Vandanā

Offering Obeisances

Song 1 (Paṭha-mañjarī rāga)

1. Obeisances, obeisances, obeisances to the saintly demigod Gaṇeśa, who destroys all obstacles, who has a single tusk, who is stout, and who helps all auspicious projects. Glory, glory to Pārvatī's son!
2. Folding my palms, I bow my head before Gaurī and Śiva. Falling at their feet, I serve them. They

are the creators of the three worlds. They are the givers of devotion to Lord Viṣṇu. They are all the gods and goddesses.

3. I bow my head before Goddess Sarasvatī. O goddess, please play on my tongue. Please give me many songs praising Lord Gaurahari, wonderful songs like nothing known in the three worlds.

4. With a voice choked with emotion, I beg: O spiritual masters, O demigods, please place no obstacles before me. I don't want money. I am an unimportant person. I want only that no obstacles will stop this book.

5. I bow down before the devotees of Lord Viṣṇu, devotees who are very fortunate, devotees whose virtues purify the whole earth, devotees who are merciful to everyone, devotees who love everyone, devotees whose pastimes bring auspiciousness to the three worlds.

6. I am worthless. I don't know right from left. I want to climb up and grab the sky. I am a blind man who wants to find a splendid jewel, even though I have no power to see even a mountain. What will

become of me? I do not know.

7. There is but one hope. The Lord accepts any person, high or low, that sings His glories. He is merciful to everyone. To everyone He gives the shade of His feet. He does not worry whether the people are worthy to receive His mercy.

8. Please hear the glories of the Vaiṣṇavas. Without any ulterior motive they are merciful to everyone. They live to benefit others. To others they give even their ornaments. Their hearts become happy when they do good to others.

9. Naraharī Thākura is my life. I am his servant. His feet are my hope of hopes. Although I am fallen, I yearn to sing Lord Gaura's glories. That is the hope of Locana dāsa.

10. By the mercy of his feet I will be able to sing these songs. That is the hope in my heart. His two feet, which fulfill all desires, I always hold in my heart.

Song 2 (Kodāra rāga)

11. Glory, glory to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda! Glory to Lord Advaitacandra! Glory to all the devotees of Lord Gaura!
12. Glory to Gadadhara and Narahari, who are the masters of my life. O masters, please be kind and cast an auspicious glance upon me.
13. Lord Gaura's fair form is splendid like gold and filled with mercy. Falling down before the reddish soles of His cooling feet, I will sing His glories.
14. O devotees, let us sit down together and touch the coolness of Lord Gaura's feet.
15. Let us bow down before Śacī's son, our Lord. O Lord, for even a single sesame seed's worth of time, please give us Your glance of mercy.
16. Advaita Acārya Gosāī is the crest jewel of all masters. By the mercy of His feet this world has become fortunate.
17. I bow down and sing: O Advaita, O master of Sītā's life, please be merciful. With folded palms I stand before You.
18. I bow down before the saintly avadhūta Lord

Nityānanda, who is Balarāma Himself. He is not different from Lord Caitanya.

19. Falling down at his feet, I sing the glories of Gargācārya, who is Lord Gaura's maternal grandfather. He is very proud of Lord Gaura's virtues and glories.

20. I offer my respectful obeisances to Jagannātha Miśra, who is Lord Viśvambhara's father. I offer my respectful obeisances to Śacī Thākurāṇī, who is the Lord's mother.

21. I offer my respectful obeisances to Laksmī Thakurani, who is the Lord's wife. She was bitten by the snake of separation from the Lord.

22. I offer my respectful obeisances to Mother Viṣṇupriyā, who lives in Navadvīpa. The reddish soles of Lord Gaura's feet are the ornament she wears.

23. I offer my respectful obeisances to Puṇḍarīka Vidyānidhi. Lord Mahāprabhu happily called his name.

24. With a single heart I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrī Paṇḍita Gosāi. I offer my respectful obeisances to the feet of Iśvara Purī and

Mādhavendra Puri.

25. I offer my respectful obeisances to Govinda Gosāī and to Vakrēśvara. They are like two wild bumblebees at the lotus flower of Lord Gaura's feet.

26. Placing their feet on my head, I offer my respectful obeisances to Paramānanda Purī, Viṣṇu Purī, and Gadādhara dāsa.

27. I offer my respectful obeisances to Murārī Gupta.

To him I pray: If you place your mercy in my thoughts, I will earnestly and joyfully sing Lord Gauar's glories

28. I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrīvāsa Thākura and Haridāsa Thākura. I yearn to attain the feet of Mukunda Datta and Vāsudeva Datta.

29. I offer my respectful obeisances to Rāmānanda Rāya, the abode of spiritual love. Eternally I offer my respectful obeisances to Jagadānanda Paṇḍita.

30. I offer my respectful obeisances to Rūpa Gosvāmī, Sanātana Gosvāmī, and Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī. Many times I offer my respectful obeisances to Rāghava Paṇḍita Gosvāmī.

31. I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrī Rāma,

Sundarānanda, Gaurīdāsa, and all the other associates of Lord Nityānanda.

32. I offer my respectful obeisances to Naraharī Thākura, the spiritual master of my family. He is my worshipable deity. He is my protector in this world and the next.

33. I offer my respectful obeisances to Naraharī Thākura. But for him I have no friend in this world. He is an ocean of Lord Gaura's glories.

34. Falling to the ground, I fold my hands and offer my respectful obeisances to Govinda Ghoṣa, Mādhava Ghoṣa, and Vasu Ghoṣa.

35. With a single heart I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrī Vṛndāvana dāsa Thākura, whose song Caitanya-bhāgavata charms the worlds.

36. O my brothers, at every moment I bow down before and sing the glories of the Deity in Śrī Raghunandana's home.

37. As a boy Ragunandna would feed laḍḍus to his Deity. Who dares think Raghunandana an ordinary person?

38. I offer my respectful obeisances to Raghunandana's father, Śrī Mukunda dāsa. His faith

in the path of Lord Caitanya's philosophy is pure and spotless.

39. Whether I know their names or not, I offer my respectful obeisances to all the devotees. They are the jewels I wear on my head.

40. I offer my respectful obeisances to the mahantas and their followers. I sing the glories of their feet.

41. In my heart I do not think one devotee is first and another is last. There is no reason I offered obeisances to some first and others later.

42. If by mistake I did not mention someone's name, I offer my respectful obeisances to him a hundred times. In that way I will wash away my offense to him.

43. I offer my respectful obeisances to the devotees who live on the earth and the devotees who living in the worlds above. One by one, I bow down before the feet of every devotee.

44. Yearning to attain spiritual love for Him, everyone please sing the glories of Lord Gaura.

With a happy heart this Locana dāsa sings this song.

Song 3 (Varādī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: Dear friends, again and again I beg you. O great souls, I beg for your blessings, so I may be able to sing Lord Gaura's glories.

45. How can I, a lowly person, a pile of ashes, understand the spiritual truth? How can I sing the glories of Lord Gaura's virtues and pastimes?

46. Not understanding these truths, I will talk foolishly. Then I will be embarrassed before the great souls.

47. I am not qualified. I am a fool. Still, I yearn to taste the sweetness of Lord Gaura's glories.

48. Śrī Murārī Gupta lived in Navadvīpa. He always stayed near Lord Gauracandra.

49. Who has the power to describe his glories. The people in this world say he is Hanumān himself.

50. Jumping the ocean, he set Laṅkā afire. He carried Sītā's message and repeated it to Lord Rāma.

51. Bringing the viśalya-karanī herb, he saved

Lakṣmaṇa's life. That same Hanumān became
Murārī Gupta and lived in Nadiyā.

52. He knows all the Lord's sercrets. He is very wise and very devoted to Lord Gaura's lotus feet.
53. He described Lord Gaura's loving pastimes from birth through childhood, from beginning to end
54. Damodara Pandita asked him to describe all these pastimes from beginning to end.
55. In this way Murārī Gupta wrote a book in Sanskrit verse, a book that bears the title "Gaurāṅga-carita" (the Pastimes of Lord Gauarāṅga), a book that came from Murārī Gupta's mouth as He conversed with Svarūpa Dāmodara.
56. Hearing this book, I became very pleased. That is why I now write of Lord Gaura's pastimes in these Bengalī verses in the meter pāñcālī.
57. I am not qualified. I make many mistakes. Still, please don't rebuke me. Don't become angry.
58. Who does not like to taste nectar when he sees it? I foolish child will wish to grasp the moon in the sky.
59. I yearn to speak of Lord Gaura's glories. That is

why I now need the Vaiṣṇavas mercy.

60. I bow down before the Vaiṣṇavas feet. My heart
yearns to sing Lord Gaura's glories.

61. Naraharī Thākura io my lord and master. I
humbly offer obeisances to him. I beg him: Please
filfill my desire.

Song 4 (Mārahāṭī raga-Disā)

Refrain: Lord Hari, who was the two Rāmas, and
who is now the moon among the brāhmaṇas, is my
very life.

62. First I will tell a wonderful story, the story of
how Advaita Gosāī offered obeisances to Lord
Gaura when the Lord was still an unborn child in
his mother's womb.

63. Accompanied by His associates, servants,
weapons, and confidential companions, the
Supreme Personality of Godhead, the master of the
three worlds, was born on the earth.

64. The Lord's mother and father happily performed His anna-prāśana (first grain) and nāma-kāraṇa (name-giving) ceremonies for their son.

65. Now I will describe the boy-Lord's pastimes. Even when He wore now anklets, the people still heard the sound of tinkling anklets on His feet.

66. He would touch unclean things. Then He would speak bewildering words of philosophy.

67. To test His powers, the village ladies asked Him to bring a coconut. Very quickly He brought it.

68. The Lord played with a puppy. Seeing this, everyone was pleased.

69. Murārī Gupta saw that boy playing on the street with His friends.

70. With His friends the boy sang the names of Lord Harī and danced. Seeing this, everyone became blissful at heart.

71. The father placed a piece of writing chalk in the boy's hand. Anyone who hears this pastime finds that sufferings and inauspiciousness flee far away.

72. Please carefully listen as I tell how the boy Viśvambhara played with His brother Viśvarūpa.

73. Those two brothers were like Indra and Vāmana.
I will tell these stories and you will hear them.
74. I will tell how Visvarupa accepted sannyasa and
how Visvambhara consoled His mother and father.
75. I will describe Viśvambhara's pastimes, how He
played with the other boys and how He did
mischief.
76. The boys would meet and play on the Gaṅgā's
sandy banks. Once the Lord's father followed the
footprints he saw in the sand.
77. Seeing his son there, the Lord's father became
unhappy at heart. Taking Him home, the father
loudly rebuked his son.
78. Later, the Lord gave His mercy in a dream. I will
tell all these stories. Please hear them with a single
heart.
79. With a joyful heart I will tell of the Lord's karṇa-
vedha (ear-piercing), cūḍā-karāṇa (hair-cutting),
and upavīta (sacred thread) ceremonies.
80. When His childhood ended, the Lord's teenage
years entered. Day by day, the Lord's spiritual Love
became more completely manifest.
81. Then He studied at His teacher's house. He

would make fun of the way people spoke in East Bengal.

82. He commanded His mother to observe ekādaśī.

At the proper times I will describe many things.

83. At that time Jagannātha Miśra went to the other world. Stricken with grief, the Lord wept for His father.

84. I will tell many other wonderful stories. I will tell of the shoreless ocean of bliss at the Lord's wedding.

85. Please hear how The Lord and His bride secretly exchanged glances at the Gaṅgā's bank. I must tell that story.

86. I will tell how the Lord traveled to East Bengal and how Lakṣmīpriyā ascended to the spiritual world.

87. Returning to West Bengal, the Lord married again, taught His students, and traveled to Gayā.

88. One by one I will tell all these stories. Everyone please hear them. You will taste many blisses. Please do not turn away.

89. I will tell how the Lord returned to West Bengal, manifested ecstatic spiritual love, and was always

plunged in the nectar of the spiritual rasas.

90. O my brothers, the stories in this book's Madhya-khaṇḍa are filled with many blisses. They are filled with nectar. When you hear them, the hairs on your bodies will stand erect.

91. By telling these stories to the devotees, I will feel ecstatic love. Even before I tell them I feel joy arise in my heart.

92. O my brothers, the stories of Madhya-khaṇḍa describe the Lord's pastimes in Nadiyā. These pastimes, where the Lord preached the religion of ecstatic love, are like flooding streams of nectar.

93. The Lord manifested very wonderful pastimes. In the four yugas no devotee had heard of such wonders.

94. In the Madhya-khaṇḍa I will tell these wonderful stories of the Lord's pastimes in Nadiyā, of the Lord's preaching the religion of devotional service.

95. I will tell how every day the devotees would gather together. I know how to describe those pastimes.

96. First I will tell how Śacī attained the gift of

ecstatic love. I will tell how, walking on the street,
the Lord heard flute music.

97. Then the Lord was overcome with ecstatic love,
and then a divine voice suddenly spoke from the
sky.

98. Being kind to Murārī Gupta, the Lord assumed
the role of Varāha. Brahmā and the demigods saw
the Lord assume that role.

99. Then Śuklāmbara Brahmačārī attained ecstatic
love. I will tell all these stories. Please hear them
with all attention.

100. By the Lord's mercy Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍita was
overcome with ecstatic love. Day and night he wept.

101. One by one the Lord gave ecstatic love to
everyone. I will tell all these stories.

102. Being kind to the devotees, the Lord planted a
mango seed. Any doubts that may stay in the heart
of a person who hears that story will perish.

103. Concealing His original spiritual identity, the
Lord manifested ecstatic spiritual love. By following
impersonalist jñāna no one can understand Him.
He reveals Himself to His own associates.

104-108. Then I will tell the wonderful stories of the first sight of Lord Nityānanda, the first meeting with Haridāsa, the first meeting of Advaita Acārya and Lord Nityānanda, how Jagāī and Mādhāī were delivered, how the Lord was merciful to a brāhmaṇa and his son, how the lord was a merciful to a person singing Lord Śiva's glories, how the Lord became unhappy to hear a brāhmāna's misdeeds, and how the Lord then jumped into the Gaṅgā. Anyone in the three worlds who hears these stories will feel his heart tremble.

109. You will also hear the wonderful story of how the Lord cleaned a temple.

110. You will hear many very wonderful stories. The Lord cured a leper. That was very wonderful.

111. I will tell the stroy of Lord Gaura assuming the mood of Lord Balarāma. All who hear that story feel endless bliss.

112. At Candraśekhara's house the Lord manifested ecstatic love that cast a shadow over the land and sky.

113. I will tell many secrets, the secrets of the Lord's wonderful renunciation.

114. Seeing Keśava Bhāratī in Nadīyā-nagara, the Lord felt joy in His heart. Then He decided to accept sannyāsa.

115. At this all the devotees grieved. Śacī and Viṣṇupriyā lept into an ocean of grief.

116. To accept sannyāsa, the Lord left Navadvīpa. With Keśava Bhāratī's help, He accepted sannyāsa.

117. I will tell these stories in detail. Then Lord Gaura went to Lord Advaita Acārya's house.

118. Then comes the story of the Lord meeting the devotees. Comforting everyone, the Lord began His travels.

119. Then the Lord went to see Jagannatha Puri. Then I will tell the confidential story of the Lord's pastimes at Remuṇā-grāma.

120. One by one I will tell of the Lord's pastimes as He traveled on the path. Anyone who hears these stories will become filled with bliss and love.

121. I must tell the stories of the Lord's secret pastimes at Ekāmra-nagara on His way to Yājapura.

122. With a single heart you will hear the story of Lord Gaura seeing Lord Jagannātha and the story of

Lord Gaura revealing His true identity to
Sārvabhauma.

123. O my brothers, this Madhya-khaṇḍa is sweeter
than nectar. Then I will speak the Śeṣa-khaṇḍa.
Please hear it also.

124. At Madhya-khaṇḍa's end, Lord Gaura
manifests ecstatic spiritual love. With a blissful
heart Locana dāsa speaks these words.

Song 5 (Dhanaśrī rāga-Tarajāchanda)

125. Glory, glory to You, O Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, who
personally descended to this earth, who are the
auspiciousness of the worlds, whose feet are the
earth's ornament, who are dearly loved by the whole
earth!

126. The lamp that lights up the worlds has come to
Navadvīpa. Now He shines with His light of mercy.
Thirsting to receive the gift of ecstatic love, after
many days the devotees ran to Him.

127. The devotees were like black bees flying to

nectar-laden blossoming lotus flowers, or like cakora birds gazing at the moon, or like cātaka birds gazing at rainclouds and wildly singing "Piu! Piu!"

128. Overcome with ecstatic love, Lord Gaura danced. He showered a great monsoon of ecstatic love. He roared like a lion. Like poverty-stricken men who are suddenly rich, the devotees followed Him, worshiped Him, and wept.

129. As wild elephants jump into a nectar lake to escape a forest fire, so the devotees jumped into the nectar of ecstatic spiritual love to escape the burning sufferings of this world.

130. Someone called out, "Lord!" Someone else slapped his arms. Filled with the bliss of ecstatic love, the devotees forgot even themselves. The ecstatic love that Goddess Lakṣmī begs for with folded palms, Lord Gaura freely gave to all.

131. What more can I say? Even Lord Ananta was overwhelmed by tasting the sweetness of that ecstatic love. Lord Ananta Śeṣa, who holds all the worlds on His head, came to the earth and assumed the name Nitāi.

132. Overcome with bliss, He did not know who was a friend and who was not. He walked like a maddened elephant. The soles of His feet made the earth tremble.

133. Now hear of another wonder. Lord Śiva, whose glories are beyond conception, assumed the name Advaita. Talking with Lord Caitanya about the nectar of ecstatic love, Lord Śiva forgot all about yoga and jñāna.

134. Staying among the rasika devotees, Lord Advaita and Lord Nityānanda gave them ecstatic love without any restriction. Without these two Lords, Lord Gaura would not have given His mercy.

They came to this world with Lord Gauracandra.

135. Glory, glory to the auspicious moment when the people of the world will chant "Hari!", and when everyone will yearn to attain ecstatic spiritual love, when everyone will desire to attain the ecstatic spiritual love even the demigod Brahmā finds only with difficulty. Smiling, Locana dāsa speaks these words.

Grantharambha

The Book Begins

Song 1 (Varāḍī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: O! O! O! I place many offerings before Lord Gaura. I sing of the virtues and glorious form of Lord Gaura, who to the whole world freely gave the gift of ecstatic spiritual love.

1. Glory, glory to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Śrī Nityānanda! Glory, glory to blissful Advaita Acārya!
2. Glory to Gadādhara Pañḍita! Glory to Naraharī Thākura! Glory, glory to Śrīnivāsa, who is worthy to perform pure devotional service!
3. In my heart I offer respectful obeisances to the dear devotees of Lord Caitanya.
4. Now I will speak the stroies of Lord Gaura. Please

hear them carefully. In private, Dāmodara Paṇḍita asked:

5. Why did Lord Gaurāṅga descend to this world? You give the answer and I will hear it. My heart is filled with bliss to hear that answer.
6. Why did the Lord turn away from His dark color and accept a fair-colored form? Why, when the holy names are sung, does He roll on the ground and allow His limbs to be covered with dust?
7. Why did He renounce the garments of a householder and accept sannyāsa? Why, alas, did He wander from country to country?
8. Why did He weep, calling out, "Rādhā! Rādhā! Govinda!"? Why, visiting home after home, did He freely give the gift of ecstatic love?
9. Now I will repeat the confidential answers to these questions. Even a fool who hears these answers will be delivered.
10. Hearing these questions, Murārī Gupta said, Please hear, O Paṇḍita. I will answer all your questions.
11. The dharma-śāstras say religion is completely manifest in Satya-yuga. I tell you religion is three-

fourths manifest in Tretā-yuga.

12. I tell you religion is half-manifest in Dvāpara-yuga and one-fourth manifest in Kalī-yuga.

That is the opinion of the dharma-sāstras.

13. As sin increases, religion wanes. As people neglect their duties, varṇāśrama wanes.

14. The Kalī-yuga is filled with the blinding darkness of horrible sins. Everyone is drowning in sin. Everyone is devastated by sin.

15. Seeing no true religion present, the great sage Nārada kindly decided to rescue the Kali-yuga.

16. He thought, "The black snake of Kalī-yuga has devoured everything." He thought, "Religion should be established.

17. "Without Lord Kṛṣṇa no one has the power to establish religion. Therefore I must quickly bring Lord Kṛṣṇa to the Kalī-yuga.

18. "What the devotees desire, Lord Kṛṣṇa also desires always. That is the opinion of the Vedas and Agama-sāstras.

19. "If I, a servant of Lord Kṛṣṇa, desire to do it, I can bring Lord Kṛṣṇa to the Kali-yuga.

20. "First I will observe the activities of Kali-yuga. Then I will bring Lord Kṛṣṇa, who is religion itself.

21. "Then I will bring all the demigods. They will be Lord Kṛṣṇa's associates. They will be His associates, servnats, weapons, and confidential companions."

22. In this way Nārada and the sages, Brahmā and the demigods, and Durgā and the goddesses all took birth on the earth.

23. By their expansions the members of the Yadu dynasty in Dvārakā also took birth on the earth.

24. Now I will tell everything of how the Supreme Lord descended to the earth. Please listen with care.

25. Gaura-avatāra is the best of all avatāras. No other avatāra is merciful like Him.

26. Feeling unhappy for the sufferings of others, the great sage Nārada sang nectar descriptions of Lord Kṛṣṇa day and night.

27. He traveled in the world of birth and death eagerly singing the glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa, but the people would not listen to Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy name.

They wanted only things of the material world.

28. Overcome by tasting the sweet nectar of Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories, Nārada spoke with a choked voice.

One moment he wept. The next he loudly laughed.

29. Playing his vina, he sang Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories. Tears streamed from his eyes. Within and without Nārada Muni was plunged in the nectar of Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories.

30. His every limb filled with the bliss of ecstatic spiritual love, as he wandered in the material world, Nārada did not hear anyone chant the holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

31. Sad at heart, the sage was very surprised. He did not see any way to save the people of the world.

32. Everyone was bitten by the black snake of Kalī-yuga. Everyone was always aflame with pride and delusion.

33. Devoted only to their bellies and genitals, everyone was bewildered. They had forgotten Lord Kṛṣṇa.

34. Their hearts were always splashed by greed, illusion, lust, anger, intoxication, and pride. They thought that splashing was just like nectar.

35. They were needlessly troubled by thoughts of "It is I and "It is mine'. Who am I? What is mine? That

they did not know.

36. Seeing the unhappy situation of the people, worried Nārada began to think within his heart. He thought and thought.

37. He did not see any way to rescue the people of the horrible Kalī-yuga. Wandering and wandering, he finally came to the gate of Dvārakā City.

38. Lord Kṛṣṇa, who is the crest jewel of the masters of the demigods, and who is the king of Dvārakā, passed the whole night happily enjoying pastimes in Queen Satyabhāmā's palace.

39. When the sun rose He performed His morning duties. Then He hinted that He would visit Queen Rukmiṇī's palace.

40. Hearing of her good fortune, Queen Rukmiṇī could not keep still. Her every limb trembled.

41. She carefully cleaned her palace and then decorated her body with exquisite garments. A band of many different instruments played. Everything was blissful.

42. At the time of the Lord's auspicious arrival there were many auspicious full waterpots. Many ghee lamps burned.

43. Overcome with bliss, Mitravindā, Nagnajitā, Sussilā, and Subalā offered āratī to the Lord.

44. Bringing scented water, Queen Rukmiṇī washed the Lord's feet.

45. Placing the Lord's glorious feet to her breast, with great love Rukmiṇī gazed at her Lord. For a moment she held the Lord's feet at her breast.

46. Holding the Lord's feet, Rukmiṇī wept.

Surprised, Lord Kṛṣṇa asked:

47. "I do not know why you weep. Why do you weep?

O My queen, please tell Me.

48. "To Me You are more dear than life. That the whole world knows. Who is more dear than you?

Tell Me.

49. "Did I defame you? Did I not obey your command? You do not speak. O My queen, what wrong did I do?

50. "Only once did I tease you. You became very unhappy at heart.

51. "How many times did I earnestly beg forgiveness? Your hard heart never softened."

52. Hearing these cruel words come from the Lord's

mouth, with sweet anger Rukmiṇī said:

53. "My heart is hard. It is not soft. Still, I am fortunate in one way: You are my very life.

54. "Your feet are more dear to me than life. Tasting the mādhvīka nectar of Your feet, even Lord Śiva dances, wild with bliss.

55. "You know the whole world perfectly. Still, You cannot understand the words of one who loves Your feet.

56. "If You place in Your heart the love Rādhā' feels for You, then You will understand the love Your devotees feel for You."

57. Hearing these words, the Lord felt great wonder in His heart. He said: "What did you say? What did you say? O My queen, please say it one more time.

58. "What you said I did not hear very well. What was it? I did not understand it.

59. "Hearing your rare words, I feel drawn to you. My heart is filled with wonder.

60. "What is this rare thing so hard to find in the three worlds? I think it would be very wonderful to hear about it, or perhaps to see it.

61. "From your mouth I have heard of something

even I do not understand. How can I understand
the bliss that now fills My heart?

62. "O My queen, please tell Me about this thing.
Tell Me. Tell Me."

In this way Locana dāsa faithfully describes the
glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet.

Song 2 (Dhanaśī rāga-Dīrgha-chanda)

63. Queen Rukmiṇī said: "O Lord decorated with
the jewels of virtues, please listen. In Your heart
You cannot understand. Although You know
everything else, you cannot understand My
explanation of why I weep.

64. "You do not understand that power that resides
in Your lotus feet. Eventually You will take Your
feet from My palace and go somewhere else. That is
why my heart weeps.

65. "The fragrance of Your lotus feet fills all

directions. Wherever it goes it chases away old age and death. What are day, night, and passing seasons to one who spends his life drinking the honey of Your lotus feet?

66. "I fall at the feet of anyone who lovingly grasps the ruby lotus of Your feet. Weeping and my heart agitated, I tell You of that person's glories.

67. "You are the master of all. Who in this world can be the master of You? Anyone who loves your feet and tastes the sweet nectar there I praise before You.

68. "Rādhā‘ alone knows the sweetest nectar of love. She alone tastes the bliss of love. Day and night hearing of the nectar of Her love, how can the devotees not become filled with wonder?

69. "Brahmā and all the demigods and goddesses, including Goddess Lakṣmī who serves Your feet, all yearn to taste that nectar of love for You. Goddess Lakṣmī, whose hands are like lotus flowers and who is overcome with deep love for You, begs for the nectar of Your lotus feet.

70. "I am Goddess Rāmā. I rest on Your chest. I sleep with You in the same bed. I see You face to face.

Still I yearn to attain the sweetness at Your feet.
Who has the power to describe the glories of Your
feet?

71. "Goddess Lakṣmī yearns to attain love for Your
feet. Only Rādhā, who enjoyed pastimes with You
in Vṛndāvana, knows the true glory of Your feet.

The path of Her good fortune never ends.

72. "Rādhā' fills the world with wonder. With the
ropes of Her virtues She binds You. Even now You
have not turned away from Her. Your heart pines
for Her. The sound of Rādhā's name makes tears
stream from Your eyes. I see that this shows the
power of Rādhā's love for Your feet.

73. "Now that You are in my house my heart is filled
with joy. But I still weep, for we will be separated
again. I know this shows the power of Your lotus
feet.

74. "You are the devotees meditation. You are the
devotees rapt thinking of You in trance. You are the
devotees only friend in every situation. The
devotees are Your servant. They yearn to attain
Your feet. You are the wonderful great

enchantment that charms them.

75. "Lakṣmī is the maidservant at Your feet. She yearns to serve You. You are her master. Her master, You pay no attention to her glorious virtues. By ignoring her it is as if You have pushed an iron spear into her heart.

76. "Anyone who thirsts to attain the honey of Your lotus feet finds an eternal ocean of honey that will never be lessened or lost. I think Lakṣmī and Sarasvatī are truly fortunate, for they serve You. They have placed themselves under Your dominion.

77. "Even from the corner of his eye a devotee will not glance at the four kinds of liberation beginning with sālokya-mukti. Plunged in the nectar of ecstatic love for You, a devotee will not desire anything but You. Even residence in Vaikuṇṭha or any other glorious place they think unimportant.

78. "Folding my palms, I beg: O master, please make me a bumblebee at the lotus flower of Your feet. I fear that You will leave me. Weeping, this sinner begs: Please do not leave my palace."

79. Please listen to Queen Rukmiṇī's description of Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. With these words she

revealed her pure love for Him. His heart overcome with love, by the Lord's mercy Locana dāsa sings the Lord's glories.

Song 3 (Dhanaśī rāga-Madhya-chanda)

Refrain: O! O! O! O! O! Please hear more songs about Lord Gaura's glories, songs full of wonderful words, songs that bring auspiciousness to the ears.

80. Hearing these words of Rukmiṇī, Lord Kṛṣṇa felt great joy in His heart. He floated in the stream of compassionate tears that flowed from the red lotus flowers of His eyes.

81. Gently He came close to Rukmiṇī. He sat on His throne, and placed Rukmiṇī on His lap.

82. With His right hand He touched her chin. He gazed at her. In this way He made great waves in the nectar ocean of ecstatic spiritual love.

83. He said: "Never have I heard such wonderful words. Never has anyone suggested I should taste

the bliss of ecstatic love."

84. At that moment Nārada Muni unexpectedly arrived. His face was marked with sorrow. His heart was worried.

85. Queen Rukmiṇī at once rose and respectfully offered pādya and arghya, offered him a seat on the throne, and asked about his welfare.

86. Lord Kṛṣṇa also rose, tightly embraced Nārada, and greeted him with sweet words.

87. Tears of love flowed from Nārada's eyes. He trembled. His voice was choked up.

88. The tears from his eyes streamed over his body. He tried to speak. He had no power to say a word.

89. Lord Kṛṣṇa asked him: "O sage, please say what is in your heart. Why are you so devastated? What worry fills your heart?

90. "You are more dear to Me than life. To you I am like your own life. When I see you unhappy I almost fall unconscious."

91. Nārada said: "O Lord, what shall I say? You are the master of all masters. You are the Supersoul in every heart.

92. "Singing Your glories is my ambrosia food. Eager

to tell other of Your glories, I traveled in the world
of birth and death.

93. "As I traveled in the world of birth and death I
did not hear the name Kṛṣṇa. Intoxicated with
pride, the people have forgotten You.

94. "Everyone is bewildered with pride. I saw the
people are not interested in Kṛṣṇa. That is my
sorrow.

95. "I do not see any way to deliver the people.
Again and again I think these thoughts.

96. "Now I have revealed the sorrow in my heart.
Only by the mercy of Your feet can anyone
become happy."

97. Smiling, Lord Kṛṣṇa said: "Listen, O great sage.
You forget what has already happened.

98. "You forgot that Goddess Katyāyanī vowed to
Lord Śiṭa that she would sitribute My mahā-prasāda.

99. "Also, now that I have heard wonderful words
from Rukmini, I have become agitated and I also
will speak a vow.

100. "I vow I will taste the ecstasy of spiritual love
and I will make the people of the material world

taste it also. I will become a humble person in the
Kali-yuga.

101. "Accompanied by devotees, I will engage in
devotional service. I, the Supreme Personality of
Godhead, will give to the people ecstatic love for
Me.

102. "I will manifest the sankirtana movement of
chanting My glories. I will take birth in Saci's
womb in Navadvipa.

103. "I will manifest a tall fair form with arms that
reach My knees. My peerless form will be glorious
like Mount Sumeru.

104. "Speaking and speaking in this way, Lord Krsna
manifested the form of Lord Gaura. Gazing at that
form, Narada was overcome with ecstatic love.

105. That form glorious like mount Sumeru was
filled with ecstatic spiritual love. In this way Locana
dasa describes the first time the form of Lord Gaura
was manifest.

Song 4 (Srī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: Glory, glory to Lord Gaurāṅga! Alas! Alas!
Why do I not taste the nectar of ecstatic love for
Lord Gaurāṅga?

106. With a happy heart Nārada Muni gazed at Lord Gaura's form. A thousand flooding streams of tears flowed from Nārada's eyes.

107. Lord Gaura's form was glorious like ten million moons or ten million suns. He was more handsome than Kāmadeva himself.

108. Nārada had no power to gaze at Lord Gaura's effulgent form. The sage closed his eyes and trembled.

109. Covering His effulgence, the Lord glanced at Nārada and loudly called: "Look, O Nārada.

110. Regaining consciousness, the sage became rapt in meditation on Lord Kṛṣṇa's form. With thirsty eyes he yearned to see again the form of Lord Gaura.

111. The Lord said: "Listen, O fortunate sage. You may go wherever you wish. No one can stop you.

Wherever you go you will be loved.

112. "In Śivaloka, Brahma-loka, and the other celestial planets make a proclamation that into the Kali-yuga I will descend in a golden form.

113. "There I will manifest the sankirtana movement of chanting My holy names and glories. There I will preach the bliss of tasting the nectar of loving devotional service to Me.

114. "On the path of devotional service there are now hundreds and hundreds of branches. There is no end to the branches. There should be only one branch in the world. Therefore I will preach the glories of ecstatic spiritual love (prema).

115. "Accompanied by My own associates and devotees, I will take birth on the earth. I desire to engage in loving devotional service (prema-bhakti)."

116. Hearing these words from the Lord's graceful mouth, Nārada felt all his sorrows break into pieces by the mercy of the Lord's feet.

117. Nārada Muni sounded his vīṇā and departed. His thoughts filled with the nectar of these words:

118. "What a wonderful fair form I saw! What a wonderful form with reddish eyes and great mercy I

saw!

119. "What a form sweeter than nectar I saw! What
a sweet smile I saw!

120. "Of all the avatāras, this avatāra is the best.
Never have I seen such a great glory of ecstatic
spiritual love.

121. "On this day my life has borne its fruit. On this
day my eyes have borne their fruit. Now I have seen
the blissful, glorious, merciful face of Lord Gaura.

122. "Never have I seen such an ocean of mercy. My
heart will never forget Him. My eyes yearn to see
HIm."

123. Thinking and thinking in this way, Nārada
Muni traveled on the path. Arriving at
Naimiṣāraṇya, he met his friend Uddhava.

124. First standing up and then offering pādya and
arghya, Uddhava fell to the ground like a stick
before Nārada Muni's feet.

125. He thought: "I am fortunate. This is an
auspicious day. At an auspicious moment I have
come to Naimiṣāraṇya."

126. Nārada picked up Uddhava, embraced him,

kissed him, and smelled his head.

127. Uddhava offered him a sitting place. Smiling and smiling, he spoke what was in his heart.

128. He said: "This day is glorious. Now my birth in this world has borne its fruit. Now I will tell you of a desire that has long stayed in my heart.

129. "Here in Naimiṣāranya, in ancient days Vyāsa compiled the Vedas. Still he could not destroy the illusion in his heart.

130. "Then, by your mercy, he heard the secret of spiritual life and wrote Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam to deliver the world.

131. "You alone know the truth. O master, you know the heart of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Please tell me what will happen in the future.

132. "My heart yearns to deliver the people of Kalī-yuga. In Kalī-yuga the people are filled with sins.

Their eyes and hearts are blind.

133. "In the Satya, Tretā, and Dvāpara yugas the people knew religion, but in the horrible Kalī-yuga no one knows religion. Everyone is a sinner

134. "If you feel compassion for me, please destroy my doubts and fears. No one is more compassionate

than you."

135. Smiling with a happy heart, Nārada Muni said:
"O Uddhava, O servant of Lord Hari, the question
you ask is good.

136. "I will tell you a great secret. In my heart I also
felt a great sorrow like yours.

137. "But now I know the people in Kalī-yuga are
very fortunate. The people in Kalī-yuga are very
fortunate. Others are not fortunate like them.

138. "In Satya-yuga and the other yugas the religion
of the age (yuga-dharma) is very harsh. But in Kalī-
yuga the religion of the age is only chanting the
holy names of Lord Hari.

139. "In Kalī-yuga simply by chanting the holy
names and glories of Lord Harī the people are
released from material bondage. Simply by singing
and dancing, they no longer fear Yamarāja.

140. "Please carefully listen to other wonderful news,
news of what in Dvārakā I saw with my own eyes.

141. "With words like nectar, Lord Kṛṣṇa told
Rukmini: 'In My heart I have decided to freely
distribute to the people ecstatic love for Me.'

142. "As Lord Kṛṣṇa, Queen Rukmiṇī on His lap, sat on His throne, I, my heart filled with sorrows, approached Him.

143. "Seeing that I was sorrowful, Lord Kṛṣṇa asked me: 'As I look at you, I must ask: Why have you become like this?'

144. "Approaching the lord's feet, I told Him the thoughts in my heart. Happily smiling, the Lord said:

145. {sy 168ý `Rukmiṇī talk Me the glories of ecstatic love for My feet. Hearing her words I, even though I am the Supreme Lord Himself, have become overwhelmed by the greatness of that love.
146. {sy 168ý `I will taste the bliss of that ecstatic love and I will make the whole world taste it also. Assuming a humble nature, I will manifest in the Kali-yuga.

147. {sy 168ý `The Kalī-yuga is horrible. It is filled with sins. Religion is not present in it. Therefore, becoming humble, I will teach the world.'

148-149. "Speaking and speaking in this way, Lord Kṛṣṇa manifested a fair form splendid like gold, a form filled with ecstatic spiritual love, a form with a

broad chest and two arms that touched His knees. Then He vowed: "I will widely distribute ecstatic spiritual love for Me."

150. "I tell you: that is what I saw and heard. Now I will travel in the world of birth and death to tell the others.

151. "Eager to taste the ecstasy of loving devotional service, the Supreme Personality of Godhead will take birth on the earth. Manifesting a wonderful form, He will come to the Kali-yuga."

152. Hearing Nārada's words, Uddhava was overcome with ecstasy. Falling at Nārada's feet, he wept with joy.

153. He said: "These wonderful words have placed life into my lifeless body.

154. "Your words have brought coolness to be feverish body." Sounding his vīṇā, Nārada then happily departed.

155. Hearing this conversation of Nārada and Uddhava in the Jaimini-bhārata, Locana dāsa is now wild with bliss.

156. If you do not believe my words, then read it

yourself in the 32nd chapter of that book.

Song 5 (Bhāṭiyārī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: Lord Gauracandra is my very life.

157. Playing his vīṇā, Nārada continued his journey. Hearing his description of the Lord's glories, and his heart overcome with bliss, again and again he fell.

158. One moment he would lament, another moment he would loudly laugh, another moment he would tremble, another moment he would speak with broken words.

159. Another moment he would loudly call out, another moment he would slap his arms, and another moment he would say, "Gaura! Gaura!" and weep. His heart was overcome with ecstatic love.

160. He had no power to forget Lord Gaura's form, a charming form filled with ecstatic love, a glorious form splendid like the sun.

161. His heart overcome with bliss and love, he had

no power even to walk. Even so, in the blinking of an eye he arrived at Lord Śiva's abode in Mount Kailāsa.

162. Thinking, "Soon I will see Lord Śiva", he was filled with bliss. He thought, "I will tell him of the plan Lord Kṛṣṇa described.

163. "There are no such blissful words anywhere in the three worlds. He who is the treasure of Vṛndāvana will appear in the Kali-yuga.

164. "The ecstatic spiritual love that Brahmā, Śiva, and Ananta beg to attain, the Supreme Personality of Godhead will distribute in the Kali-yuga to even the lowest of sinners.

165. "These wonderful words I will tell to Lord Śiva. When he hears them he will be very pleased.

166. "By Goddess Kātyāyanī's mercy I will get the dust of Lord Śiva's feet. By the mercy of his feet I will chant the holy names of Lord Hari."

167. Thinking and thinking in this way, Nārada came to the gate of Lord Śiva's abode. Seeing him, the bull Nandī, who was like time personified, respectfully stood up.

168. After offering respectful obeisances, Nandī went to the inner palace where Pārvatī and Śiva stay.

169. He informed his masters that Nārada had come and was waiting at the door. With blissful hearts Pārvatī and Śiva went to greet him.

170. Seeing them, Nārada smiled, said, "O my masters", and fell at their feet. Nārada is a very intelligent devotee.

171. Lord Śiva knew very well the glory of a Vaiṣṇava. Nārada, filled with ecstatic love, was very respectful to Lord Śiva.

172. Lord Śiva tightly embraced Nārada and made him sit as his own side. Nārada happily fell at Goddess Pārvatī's feet.

173-174. Affectionate like a mother, Goddess Kātyāyanī asked Nārada: "Dear great sage, please tell us of your auspicious and glorious life. You know everything in the fourteen worlds. Your arrival is auspicious. From where have you come?"

175. Nārada replied: "You are our mother and father. Your intent is to deliver the worlds. Please hear these auspicious words.

176. "A great secret you heard in ancient times you have now forgotten. Grasping your feet, I will now remind you of it.

177. "I will tell this story from beginning to end. When you hear it I request that you be kind to me.

178. "In ancient times Uddhava asked Lord Kṛṣṇa: 'When You become invisible, what will happen to the earth?

179. {sy 168y 'Will any devotees remain on the earth? Hearing these words, Lord Kṛṣṇa described the science of yoga.

180. "He said: 'I am water. I am land. I am the earth. I am the trees. I am the dmeigods and gandaharvas. I am the yaksas and raksas.

181. {sy 168y 'I am creation and annihilation. I am the life in all living beings. I am everything. How can I become invisible?'

182. "Hearing Lord Kṛṣṇa's words, Uddhava struck his hand to his chest and spoke his heart.

183. "He said: 'Master, You are everything. That I know. Anything separate from You is only suffering.'

184. {sy 168y 'With my mouth I have no power to

properly describe the great souls who fall down to offer respects to the gluistering moons that are Your toenails."

185. In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (11.6.46) Uddhava tells Lord Kṛṣṇa:

tvayopabukta-srag-gandha-
vāso 'laṅkāra-carcitāḥ
ucchiṣṭa-bhijino dāsās
tava māyāṁ jayema hi

"My dear Lord, the garlands, scented substances, garments, ornaments, and other such things that have been offered to You may later be used by Your servants. By partaking of these things and eating the remnants of food You have left, we will be able to conquer the illusory energy."*

186. "Uddhava said: 'By enjoying the remnants of what You have left, this servant of Lord Harī will conquer your illusory energy. Therefore I yearn to

honor what You leave as remnants.'

187. "When I hear these words Uddhava spoke to Lord Kṛṣṇa, my heart becomes wild with bliss.

188. "For so many days I have walked on the path of devotional service. Still, until today I did not know the importance of honoring the Lord's remnants.

189. "By the power of Lord Kṛṣṇa's remnants, Uddhava became very powerful. In Lord Kṛṣṇa's presence he honored the Lord's remnants.

190. "I never honored the Lord's mahā-prasādam in that way. In my heart I thought: 'The Lord has cheated me.

191. {sy 168ý `Then I devised a plan to please Lord Kṛṣṇa and thus obtain His mahā-prasādam remnants.

192. "Filled with the nectar of these thoughts, I went to Vaikuṇṭha. For many days I served Goddess Lakṣmī.

193. "Pleased, the goddess offered me a boon, She said: `Ask, and I will grant your boon. I vow I will give it.'

194. "Hearing her words, I repeated the desire of my

heart.

195. "Folding my palms and becoming very serious, I said: 'For many days a strong desire has stayed in my heart.

196. {.sy 168ý `Everyone knows that I, Nārada, am your servant. Still, I have never tasteed mahā-prasādam remnants.

197. {.sy 168ý `Please give me one handful of the Lord's prasādam. That is the boon I wish. I wish that you please place your auspicious glance upon me.'

198. "Hearing these words, Gopddess Lakṣmī was very surprised. She shyly said:

199. {.sy 168ý `The Lord commanded me not to give His remnants to anyone. Still, I will jump over His command and give you some of His remnants.

200. "Please wait. After some time I will gather the mahā-prasādam and give it to you.'

201. "Understanding my situation, the goddess spoke these sweet words.

202. "One day, as They were enjoying nectar pastimes, the Lord took the goddess hand and made her sit by His side.

203. "Without permission, and her heart trembling

in fear, the goddess smiled and sweetly said:

204. {.sy 168ý `I bow down before You and speak this
request: My heart is afraid. I tremble in fear.

205. {.sy 168ý `O master, please destroy my fear.

Please protect Your maidservant. Grasping Your
feet, I say: Please listen to these glorious words.'

206. "As Lakṣmī spoke these frightened words, the
Lord smiled with surprise and cast a glance at His
Sudarśana-cakra

207. "Sudarśana trembled. In a choked voice he said:
`My Lord, Goddess Lakṣmī is afraid. I don't know
why.'

208. "Lakṣmī said: `It is not Sudarśana's fault. It is
Nārada's words that make me wither with fear.

209. {.sy 168ý `Although no one knows it, Nārada
served me for twelve years. Pleased, I spoke to him
this vow:

210. {.sy 168ý `Ask a boon, and I will grant it. What I
say is the truth. It is the truth. O sage, I vow that I
will keep my word.

211. {.sy 168ý `Then Nārada asked Your remnants as
the boon he wished. How do I have the power to

grant that boon? To grant it I must jump over Your command.

212. {.sy 168} `Those words I spoke have placed me in great danger. O master, please save Your maidservant. Please destroy this calamity that has fallen upon me.'

213. "Hearing these words, the Lord said: 'O Lakṣmī, please listen. Your words were a great mistake.'

214. {.sy 168} `Secretly, without My knowledge, you may give My remnants to him. Hearing the Lord's command, Lakṣmī became joyful.

215. "After some days Goddess Lakṣmī, the mother of the worlds, called for me and gave me that mahā-prasādam.

216-217. "In this way, by Goddess Lakṣmī's mercy, my desire was fulfilled and I tasted the Lord's wonderful mahā-prasādam, prasādam more glorious and effulgent than ten million moons, ten million suns, and ten million Kāmadevas.

218. "Touching that mahā-prasādam, I became hundreds of times more glorious and effulgent. Sounding my vīṇā, I happily came to Mount Kailāsa.

219. "Seeing me, Lord Śiva asked about me. Smiling,

I said: 'Today I got something very wonderful.'

220. "Seeing my wonderful effulgence, Lord Śiva was surprised. 'How did you get a form like that?'

He asked.

221. "Then I told him the whole story, from beginning to end. Hearing it, Lord Śiva scolded me.

222. "He said: 'O sage, you attained that rare mahā-prasādam, and you ate it all, and you did not bring any for me!'

223. {sy 168y 'With great love you came here to see me again. Why did you not bring any of that rare treasure?'

224. "Hearing Lord Śiva's words, I became ashamed. I lowered my head. I saw some mahā-prasādam still stuck to my fingernail. I placed my finger before Lord Śiva.

225. "I happily offered him that single crumb of mahā-prasādam. He did not hesitate. At once Lord Śiva placed the mahā-prasādam in his mouth.

226. "Then saintly Lord Śiva began to joyfully dance. With every step he took, the ground shook.

227. "He became wild with bliss. Mount Sumeru

trembled. The earth shook. Fear was everywhere.

228. "Lord Śiva, the great king of yoga, trembled with ecstatic love. He forgot himself. His heavy steps pushed the earth down to Rasātalaloka.

229. "Lord Ananta's hoods now rested on Lord Kūrma's back. Sticking His neck out of His shell, Lord Kūrma stared at Lord Ananta.

230. "The elephants bearing the directions bent their necks. The cauldron of the universe began to crack.

231. "Unable to bear Lord Śiva's weight, the earth goddess ran to his city.

232. "Folding her palms, she approached Goddess Kātyāyanī and said, "Because of the weight of Lord Śiva's dancing I will lose my life.

233. "If you wish to save the world, please stop him. I see the whole world is about to fall into chaos.

234. "Hearing the earth goddess anguished words, Goddess Pārvatī ran to Lord Śiva.

235. "Filled with the nectar of ecstatic love, Lord Śiva danced. Speaking harsh words, the goddess broke Lord Śiva's ecstasy.

236. "Returning to external consciousness, Lord

Śiva became sorrowful. Seeing Goddess Pārvatī,
with a hard heart he said:

237. "What have you done? What have you done? O
goddess, it is very wrong. You broke my ecstatic
trance. Breaking it is like death for me.

238. {.sy 168ý `But for you I have no enemy in the
three worlds. Why did you destroy me bliss?"

239. {.sy 168ý `Hearing Lord Śiva's anguished words,
Goddess Pārvatī said: `Master, please look at
Goddess Earth who now stands before you.

240. {.sy 168ý `The pressure from your feet pushed
her down to Rasātalaloka. The material creation is
on the verge of destruction. That is why I spoke
harshly.

241. {.sy 168ý `I committed an offense. O great
master, please forgive my offense. Smiling, Lord
Śiva forgave the goddess.

242. "Then the goddess humbly asked: `O master,
please dispel my doubt.

243. {.sy 168ý `Every day You dance, rapt in tasting
the nectar of love for Lord Kṛṣṇa. Why did you
today push the earth down to Rasātalaloka?

244. {.sy 168} `Today your form shines like ten million suns. The material universe cannot bear such brilliant light.

245. "Why today did you manifest such wonderful endless bliss? O glorious master, please tell me.'

246. "Lord Śiva said: 'Please hear the blissful news. Nārada Muni gave me some of Lord Nārāyaṇa's prasādam.

247. {.sy 168} `Lord Viṣṇu's prasādam is very rare. It is difficult to find in the three worlds. It is the nectar touched by the Lord's lips. Even the Vedas do not know the glories of the Lord's prasādam.

248. {.sy 168} `I ate the mahā-prasādam offered to the Lord. Now my life has borne its fruit. Today is the auspicious moment of my life.

249. {.sy 168} `By Nārada's mercy I touched the Lord's mahā-prasādam. Lord Śiva thus spoke these auspicious, glorious, nectarean words.

250. "Hearing Lord Śiva's words, Goddess Pārvatī, who is Mahāmāyā herself, said: 'All these days I thought you were a kind and generous person.'

251. {.sy 168} `Your thinking I was like half your body was only a trick. Your love for me was only a

pretense.

252. {sy 168y `Attaining such rare mahā-prasādam,
you ate it all yourself. You did not give any to me.'

253. "Ashamed, Lord Śiva said: `O Pārvatī, you are
not worthy to receive such a treasure.'

254. "Hearing these words she became furious and
said: 'I am called by the name Vaiṣṇavī. I also serve
Lord Viṣṇu with devotion.'

255-256. {sy 168y `Standing in the assembly of
saintly persons I vow that if in His heart Lord Viṣṇu
is merciful to me, then I will give His maha-
prasādam to everyone in the three worlds. I vow
that even the dogs and jackals will attain that
prasādam.'

257. "Hearing Goddess Kātyāyanī's vow, Lord
Nārāyaṇa, the master of Vaikuṇṭha, came at once.

258. "The goddess respectfully stood and then bowed
down. Tears in her eyes, she offered prayers to the
Lord.

259. "Sighing, and her heart overwhelmed, she
began to speak." With a joyful heart Locana dāsa
speaks these words.

Song 6 (Vibhāṣa rāga-Tripadī)

260. "Lord Nārāyaṇa gently said: 'Goddess, do not be unhappy. What you wish will happen. By your ropes of maya everyone is blinded. Through you I create the world of birth and death.

261. {.sy 168} `You are My first potency. You know the truth of devotional service. You are My personified material energy. I am never outside of you. Still, I say you are outside of me. The mercy of which you spoke I give to you.

262. {.sy 168} `The whole world worships Śiva and Gaurī, thinking them the same as Me. Śiva and Gaurī are My own forms. When you are pleased at heart, you destroy all illusions. You destroy the illusion that you are independent of Me.

263. {.sy 168} `I make this vow to you: In the assembly of saintly persons I will freely give you My prasādam remnants. By the sweet fragrance of that mahā-prasādam the saints and sages will become

free of all material shackles. They will give up their stubbornness in debate.

264. "Hearing Lord Nārāyaṇa's words, Goddess Kātyāyanī said: 'If in Your heart You are indeed merciful to me, then You must give me Your prasādam remnants. Then every living entity in the world will eat that prasādam. Everyone in the three worlds will easily attain that prasādam.'

265. "Decorated with the jewels of all virtues, Lord Nārāyaṇa said, 'I will keep My vow. I will tell you an ancient secret, a secret that will destroy all fears of the flames of repeated birth and death.

266. {sy 168y 'No one knows this secret. When, using Mount Mandara as the churning rod and the serpent Ananta as the rope, the demigods churned the milk ocean, the kalpa-vṛkṣa tree was born from the friction of churning.

267. {sy 168y 'The kalpa-vṛkṣa grants every desire anyone may ask, every desire in the heart. Whatever opulence a person requests, it grants. It does not turn its face from any request.

268. {sy 168y 'The kalpa-vṛkṣa tree, which is the

glorious, effulgent, and beautiful king of trees, comes from the form of Śrī Caitanya. It is My own form. It is the king of mercy. It has no equal.

269. {sy 168ý `I will descend to the earth as Śrī Caitanya. I will become a sannyasi. I will enjoy many pastimes. I, the master of the three worlds, will stay on the earth and mercifully preach the truth.

270. {sy 168ý `Manifesting a humanlike form, I will preach the saṅkīrtana movement in Kali-yuga. My form will be splendid like gold. I will keep My vow. I will preach the highest spiritual love.

271. {sy 168ý `Now I have revealed My heart to you. Please keep that secret hidden in your heart also. In Kali-yuga I will come as Lord Gaura, the best of incarnations, and with My own glories I will deliver the world. "

272. This conversation of Goddess Katyayani and Lord Visnu is revealed in the Brahma Purana, Utkala-khanda. King Prataparudra, who is an ocean of transcendental virtues, distributed many copies of this passage,

273. Smiling and smiling, Nārada MUnī said, "Why

should you not remember these words in your heart?

The Supreme Lord commanded me to announce that He will descend to the earth in the Kalī-yuga.

274. "Arriving in the Kalī-yuga, He will take birth on the earth. Thus the master of all the worlds will take birth in a brāhmaṇa family. He will be surrounded by His personal associates."

275. Hearing Nārada's words, Goddess Kātyāyanī and Lord Śiva became joyful. Lord Śiva's abode became filled with bliss. Everyone called out,

"Hari! Hari!" A great tumult of blissful sounds arose.

276. Sounding his vīṇā, Nārada Muni departed. The sound of his vīṇā was sweet like nectar. It was a stream of nectar that filled every ear. It delighted the hearts of the people in the three worlds.

277. Forgetting himself, Nārada had no power to walk. His face was red with ecstatic love. Although his forehead was covered with drop after drop of perspiration, he did not feel tired from traveling. In this way he came to the demigod Brahmā's abode.

278. Seeing him, Brahmā was both very afraid and very delighted at heart. Brahmā rose to greet him.

Falling at Brahmā's feet, Nārada offered obeisances.

Brahmā picked him up and embraced him.

279. Brahmā asked about his welfare. He said, "I think your arrival is auspicious. For a long time I have wished to see you. That desire was in my heart.

Now I see your glorious face. Now I will proclaim the secret of your good fortune."

280. "When the nectar words flow from your mouth and enter my ear, my feverish heart will become cool. Please speak, and I will listen. Please speak of the worlds you visited. Please sing songs glorifying the Supreme Lord. Whom did you see? What did you hear?

281. In this way Brahmā spoke. Nārada was overcome. His lips trembled. His limbs swayed. Tears streamed from his eyes. His face was red. By seeing this, the bliss at the beginning of his words became doubled.

282. He said: "Please hear very wonderful words. You are the creator of the whole material world. From your name teh world brahmāṇda (the material universe) has come. The different yuga-dharmas (religion for the ages) are appropriate for their

respective yugas. In Kalī-yuga sin is very powerful.

283. "At Dvāpara-yuga's end the people become filled with suffering and grief. I thought: 'Kalī-yuga will soon come. In my heart I will suffer greatly. I will go to the Lord. I will ask Him about it.'

284. "I will ask Him: 'O Lord, please tell me how to deliver the sinful people in the Kalī-yuga. In Kalī-yuga the brāhmaṇas do not study the Vedas, and everyone is impious. This great doubt stays in my heart.'

285. "Hearing my anguished words, the Supreme Lord, who is a jewel of transcendental virtues, said, 'Throw all these worries far away from your heart. I will deliver the people of Kalī-yuga. I will teach them devotion to Me. I will descend in the Kalī-yuga.

286. {sy 168y 'The benefits that come from charity, vows, austerities, varnasrama-dharma, and pious deeds all come from chanting Lord Hari's holy names. You will see that Kalī-yuga is full of faults. Still, you should write that it has one great virtue: Simply by performing saṅkīrtana of chanting My

holy names and glorifying Me the conditioned souls are released from the prison house of repeated birth and death.

287. {sy 168ý `Tell this to Śiva, Brahmā, and the others. Tell them they should all take birth in the Kalī-yuga. Manifesting a form of mercy personified, I will also take birth on the earth. Manifesting My form of Lord Gaura, I will enter the Kali-yuga. "

Song 7 (Śubha-chanda) (Pāhiḍā rāga-Disā

Refrain: Glory, glory to the moon of Lord Gaurāṅga, a moon that has risen in Nadīyā during the Kalī-yuga. Please hear these words: My master is never defeated. His glories fill the three worlds with light. O! O! O! O! Please hear these words: Lord Gaurāṅgacandra will never be defeated.

288. When he heard these words, the nectar sprout of ecstatic love grew in Brahmā's heart.

289. Tears streamed down Brahmā's cheeks.

Overcome with bliss, he placed Nārada on his lap.

290. Brahmā said: "Please hear, O great sage. By your mercy my heart is now filled with bliss.

291. "The people are shackled by māyā. They are blind with desire for material sense objects. By your mercy they can become free of those shackles.

292. "Your only concern is to deliver the people. I will tell something that happened to me.

293. "Sanaka and my other saintly sons approached me and aspoke.

294. "They said to me: `You are the Supreme Lord's dear son. We have some questions. Please answer them.

295. {.sy 168} `The Supreme Lord is inconceivable, eternal, spiritual, eternally blissful, the most subtle, the master of all masters, all-pervading, and religion personified.

296. {.sy 168} `He is limitless, free from the material modes, untouched by matter, and without any material form. No intelligence can find His beginning, middle, or end.

297. {.sy 168} `Still the Lord takes birth on the earth.

Although He is unborn, He is born and dies according to the laws of matter.

298. {sy 168y `In Vṛndāvana forest He enjoys the rāsa dance with the gopīs. He acts as if He were a lusty conditioned soul eager to taste the nectar of sexual pleasures.

299. {sy 168y `He is the Supersoul present in all living entities, male or female. Why, unsatisfied with that role, does He become the lover of young girls?

300. {sy 168y `This great doubt stays in our hearts. O Brahmā, please describe to us the truth. Please sweep this rubbish doubt from our hearts.'

301. "Hearing this doubt expressed by Sanaka and the sages, I felt great wonder in my heart.

302. "My heart became anxious, and sadness marked my face. The Supreme Lord's actions were beyond my understanding.

303. "The Supreme Lord's actions lie on the father shore of the ocean of Vedānta. Who understands them? Hundreds and hundreds of Brahmā's know as little as I.

304. "As I expressed these thoughts to them, the

Supreme Lord, manifesting the form of a swan,
came before me.

305. {.sy 168ý In that form the Lord explained to me
the four nutshell verses of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.

Then I gave that explanation to the sages.

306. {.sy 168ý The sages became satisfied and the
doubt in their hearts went to its destruction.

307. "To me these four nutshell verses are like a
great reservoir of nectar. No one in this material
universe truly understands them.

308. "Writing the Mahābhārata and the Purāṇas,
Vyāsa stayed for many days at Naimisāraṇya.

309. "Even arfter he had written these books the
sadness in his heart would not disperse.

310. "In the middle of the forest Vyāsa became
distraught. When the Supreme Lord became aware
of all this, com,passion took birth in His heart.

311. "Summoning me, the Supreme Lord gave me the
four nutshell verses and said to me: 'Take the four
nutshell verses and go to Vyāsa.

312. {.sy 168ý 'Vyāsa does not understand the truth
of My activities. Following these four nutshell

verses He should write Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.

313. {.sy 168ý `You then explain the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam to Nārada. Goddess Sarasvatī will speak using his tongue.'

314. "Now I will tell you something. Please listen, O best of the sages. Yuga after yuga please be merciful to all living entities.

315. "You are a great soul whose only interest is the deliverance of other souls. Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is a sublime scripture. There is no treasure like it.

316. "Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is perfectly spiritual. Matter never touches it. Fools do not understand this truth.

317. "In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, at the time of Garga Muni's performing Lord Kṛṣṇa's name-giving ceremony, the Lord Kṛṣṇa's incarnations are described.

318. "In that passage of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam Garga Muni describes the Lord's incarnations in the four yugas. He says (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.8.13):

319. {.fn 2}āsan varṇās trayo hy asya
gr̥hṇato 'nu-yugam tanūḥ

śuklo raktas tathā pīta
idānīm kṛṣṇatām gataḥ

{.sy 168ý `Your son Kṛṣṇa appears as an incarnation in every millennium. In the past He assumed three different colors-white, red, and yellow-and now He has appeared in a blackish color.'*

320. "In Satya-yuga the Lord appeared in a white color. In Tretā-yuga His form was red and His name Yajña.

321. "As Nanda's son He has a black color. That leaves only the color yellow remaining.

322. "The sequence of the descriptions in this verse leaves some readers in doubt. They think there are four yugas and the Lord's incarnations have only three colors.

323. "Actually this verse describes four colors. The colors are white, red, yellow, and black. These colors are manifested in the course of the four yugas. They are not all manifest in one yuga.

324. "now we will consider this question: In what yuga does Lord Gaura manifest? This doubt is not quickly resolved with only a few words.

325. "Now I will explain this truth. Please listen. Even fools will be able to understand the truth from my words.

326. "In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam's Eleventh Canto 11.5.19) Mahārāja Nimi asks Karabhājana Muni:

327. {.fn 2}kasmin kāle sa bhagavān
kim varṇaḥ kīdrśaiḥ nṛbhiḥ
nāmnā vā kena vidhinā
pūjyate tad ihaocyatām

"What colors does the Supreme Personality of Godhead assume in the different yugas? What are His names? By what process and by what kind of people is He worshiped. Please describe all this. "

328. This verse says: What colors does the Supreme Personality of Godhead manifest in the different yugas? What are His names in the different yugas?

329. By what religious process do what kind of people worship Him in the different yugas? By what actions is He satisfied?

330. "To these questions Karabhājana Munī replied (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.5.20-22):

kṛtam tretā dvāparam ca
kalir ity eṣu keśavaḥ
nānā-varṇābhidhākāro
nānaiva vidhinejyate

{.sy 168y `In the Satya, Tretā, Dvāpara, and Kali yugas Lord Kṛṣṇa manifests in different forms with different colors and He is worshiped in different ways.

331. {.fn 2}krte śuklas catur-bāhur
jaṭilo valkalāmbaraḥ
kṛṣṇājinopavītāksān
bibhrad daṇḍa-kamaṇḍalū

{.sy 168ý `In Satya-yuga the Lord appeared in a body colored white with four arms and matted hair. He wore tree bark and bore a black antelope skin. He wore a sacred thread and a garland of rudrāks̄a beads. He carried a rod and a waterpot, and He was a brahmacārī.'*

332. {.fn 2}manuṣyāḥ tu tadā sāntā
nirvairāḥ suhrdaḥ samāḥ
yajantī tapasā devam
śamena ca damena ca

{.sy 168ý `In that yuga the peaceful, non-envious, friendly, equipoised people worship the Lord by controlling their minds and senses.'

333. In these verses Karabhājana Muni tells Mahārāja Nimi: Please listen carefully. How is the Lord worshiped in the Satya-yuga and the other yugas?

334. In the Satya-yuga the Lord has a white complexion and His name is Hamsa. He has four arms, matted hair, and tree-bark garments. His process of religion is the performance of austerities.
335. He has a daṇḍa, kamaṇḍalu, black deerskin, and sacred thread. The people then are by nature peaceful, non-envious, and equipoised.
336. "The Lord's incarnation in the Tretā-yuga is described in these words of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (11.5.24-25):

tretāyāṁ rakta-varṇo 'sau
catur-bāhus tri-mekhalah
hiran̄ya-keśas trayy-ātmā
sruk-sruvādy-upalakṣaṇaḥ

"In Tretā-yuga the Lord appeared in a body that had a reddish hue and four arms. There were three distinctive lines on His abdomen, and His hair was golden. His form manifested the Vedic knowledge,

and He bore the symbols of a sacrificial spoon, ladle, and so on.'*

337. {.fn 2}tam tadā manujā devam
sarva-devamayam harim
yajantī vidyayā trayyā
dharmiṣṭhā brahma-vādinaḥ

"With the knowledge of the three Vedas the religious and spiritual people in that yuga perform yajñas to worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who contains within Himself all the demigods.

338. These verses mean: In the Tretā-yuga the Lord has a red color, four arms, and a triple belt. He carries a sruk and srava in His hands.

339. The hair on His head is the color of molten gold. The Supreme Lord, within whom all the demigods are manifest, is worshiped by performance of yajña.

340. The Lord is the three vedas personified.

Therefore His name is Yajña. The people who know the truth of religion worship Him according to the religious rules described in the Vedas.

341. "The Lord's incarnation in the Dvāpara-yuga is described in these words of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (11.5.27, 28, and 31):

dvāpare bhagavān śyāmaḥ
pīta-vāsā nijāyudhaḥ
śrīvatsādibhir aṅkaiś ca
lakṣaṇair upalakṣitaḥ

{.sy 168y `In the Dvāpara-yuga the Personality of Godhead appears in a blackish hue. He is dressed in yellow, He holds His own weapons, and He is decorated with the Kaustubha jewel and marks of Śrīvatsa. That is how His symptoms are described.'*

342. {.fn 2}tam tadā puruṣam martyā
mahā-rājopalakṣaṇam

yajantī veda-tantrābhyaḥ
param jijnāsavo nrpa

{.sy 168y `O king, following the Vedas and Tantras,
persons who yearn to know the Supreme worship
Him as a king in the Dvāpara-yuga.

343. {.fn 2}itī dvāpara urv-īśa
stuvantī jagad-īśvaram
nānā-tantra-vidhānena
kalāṭ apī tathā śṛṇu

{.sy 168y `O king, in this way the people in Dvāpara-
yuga glorify the Supreme Personality of Godhead.
Following the various Tantras, the people in Kalī-
yuga also glorify the Lord in that way. "

344. These verses mean: In Dvāpara-yuga the
Supreme Personality of Godhead has a black color.
He has the Śrīvatsa and Kaustubha jewel. Yellow
garments are on His body.

345. Bearing the qualities of a king of kings, He is glorious. Persons who are fortunate worship Him according to the rules on the Vedas and Tantras.
346. In every yuga the Supreme Lord appears as a yuga-avatāra. The Lord thus induces the people of each yuga to follow the appropriate yuga-dharma.
347. The three yugas Satya, Tretā, and Dvāpara have already passed. In these yugas the Lord's color was first white, then red, and then black.
348. The sage explained that the Lord manifested these three colors in these three yugas. Please carefully hear these words of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (11.5.32):

349. {.fn 2}kṛṣṇa-varṇam tviśākṛṣṇam
 sāṅgopāṅgāstra-parṣadam
 yajñaiḥ saṅkīrtana-prāyair
 yajantī hī su-medhasah

"In the age of Kali, intelligent persons perform congregation chanting to worship the incarnation

of Godhead who constantly sings the name of Kṛṣṇa. Although His complexion is not blackish, He is Kṛṣṇa Himself. He is accompanied by His associates, servants, weapons, and confidential companions."*

350. In this verse of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam the word "kṛṣṇa-varṇa" means "the two syllable Kṛṣṇa".

351. Now everyone please hear the explanation of the word "akṛṣṇam", which means "of light color".

This word refers to Lord Gaura.

352. The word "sāṅgopāṅgāstra-parṣadam" means "Accompanied by His associates, the Lord descends to this world".

353. Here the word "aṅga" refers to Lord Balarāma, and the word "upāṅga" refers to the Lord's ornaments.

354. The word "astra" refers to the Lord's Sudarśana-cakra and other weapons. The word "parṣadam" refers to Prahlāda, Nārada, and all the other personal associates of the Lord.

355. The devotees who were the Lord's servants and maidservants when He previously descended to the

material world again become His aṅgas and upāṅgas
when He descends as Lord Gaura.

356. Someone will describe all these great Vaiṣṇavas
and tell what there names are in Lord Kṛṣṇa's
pastimes.

357. The common people will not understand
these descriptions. How will the lowly people
believe them?

358. For this reason Karabhājana Muni said only
intelligent people (sumedhasaḥ) will understand.

359. Saṅkīrtana (congregational chanting of the
Lord's holy names) is the yuga-dharma in Kalī-yuga.

Intelligent people will delight in saṅkīrtana.

360. Now I will explain to you what the ordinary
people do not understand: Why in Śrīmad-

Bhāgavatam 10.8.13 only three colors are given to
describe the Lord's incarnations in the four yugas.

361. In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.5.32 the word "Kṛṣṇa-
varnam" may mean either "He whose color is black"
or "He whose name is Kṛṣṇa". A different color is
not seen in these two (Dvāpara and Kali) yugas.

362. In the two yugas Dvapara and Kalī the Lord's

incarnation has the same color. The Lord's incarnations have the same color in these two yugas. That is the heart of the explanation.

363. In Satya and Tretā yugas the Lord's incarnations have a red and white color respectively. In Dvāpara and Kalī yugas the Lord's incarnations both have the same color.

364. Why is the sequence of colors broken in Garga Muni's description? The sequence is not broken.

Please very happily hear my explanation.

365. This description refers to past, present, and future. The four yugas here fit into these three phases of time.

366. In this verse of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam the Satya and Tretā yugas are in the past, and the Dvāpara-yuga is in the present. In Dvāpara-yuga Lord Kṛṣṇa's incarnation bears the name Kṛṣṇa.

367. By speaking the word "idānīm" (now) in this verse garga Muni refers to the near future.

368. I say that the use of the present here is truly intended to refer to the near future.

369. Sanskrit pāṇḍitas agree that the present may be used to refer to the near future. The near future is

then hinted in this verse.

370. In this verse Garga Muni uses the word "tathā" (in that way). Why, after describing the Lord's white and red incarnations, does Garga Muni then use the word "tathā".

371. The word "tathā" is used here to mean: As (yathā) the Lord previously appeared in white and red incarnations, in the same way (tathā) Lord Kṛṣṇa will appear in a yellow color in Kalī-yuga.

372. At the present, in the Dvāpara-yuga, the Lord has appeared in a black color. In this way Garga Muni's description of the Lord's incarnations in the four yugas makes reference to the three phases of time.

373. If someone does not accept my explanation then he must say why Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam uses the word "tathā" in this verse.

374. I will now explain all this. Please hear my words. I, Locana dāsa, will explain. Please do not ignore my words.

375. Please hear another wonderful explanation of this verse. This explanation is the most conclusive

evidence.

376. Here someone may lodge a surprising protest. He may claim that because He is a yuga-avatāra, Lord Kṛṣṇa cannot be the original Supreme Personality of Godhead, the source of all incarnations.

377. In truth it is said in Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam that the other yuga-avatāra are all plenary portions (amsa) or portions of the plenary portions of Lord Kṛṣṇa, and Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself is the original Supreme Personality of Godhead.

378. This explanation is found in these words of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (1.3.28):

ete cāṁśa-kalāḥ pum̄saḥ
kṛṣṇas tu bhagavān svayam
indrāri-vyākulam lokam
mr̄dayantī yuge yuge

{.sy 168ý `All the above-mentioned incarnations are either plenary portions or portions of the plenary

portions of thse Lord, but Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the original Personality of Godhead. All of Them appear on planets whenever there is a disturbance created by the atheists. The Lord incarnates to protect the theists.*

379. Why do I say that Lord Kṛṣṇa is a yuga-avatāra? Why does Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam refer to Him as a yuga-avatāra?

380. Lord Kṛṣṇa, the moon of Vṛndāvana, is not a mere yuga-avatāra. Rather He is the prefect and complete original Supreme Personality of Godhead. That Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam says.

381. Now I will explain why Lord Kṛṣṇa is the original Supreme Personality of Godhead. Please do not mock me. Listen carefully.

382. In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (10.8.13) it is said:

{.fn 2}āsan varṇāś trayo hy asya
gr̥hṇato 'nu-yugam tanūḥ
śuklo raktas tathā pīta
idānīṁ kṛṣṇatāṁ gataḥ

{.sy 168ý `Your son Kṛṣṇa appears as an incarnation in every millennium. In the past He assumed three different colors-white, red, and yellow-and now He has appeared in a blackish color.'*

383. In this verse Garga Muni speaks very profound truths. How can I explain those truths? I am only a fool.

384. If one is intelligent he becomes a devotee of the Lord. Only intelligent people can understand the truths given in Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.

385. Garga Muni explained that in each of the four yugas the Lord appears in incarnations of four different colors. In discussing these different yugas Garga Muni refers to the three phases of time: past, present, and future.

386. Thus in this verse Vyāsa describes the four yugas according to the three phases of time.

387. He says that in the four yugas: Satya, Tretā, Dvāpara, and Kali, the Lord descends as avatāras that are white, red, yellow, and black.

388. The four yugas are all mentioned here, but only three of the yuga-avatāras are mentioned in this verse.

389. The intention here is that as there are four yugas, so there are also four yuga-avatāras.

390. Thus it may be seen that in this verse the sequence of the avatāras is interrupted. The truth is that by speaking the word "tathā" (in the same way) Garga Muni hints at the appearance of the Lord's avatāra in the future.

391. Who are the yuga-avatāras? They are described as having four colors. Who is the avatārī (the origin of the avatāras)? That we must consider.

392. Lord Kṛṣṇa, who descended to the earth and took birth in the Yadu dynasty, is the avatārī. All the other avatāras are plenary portions of Him.

393. Someone may doubt: Why make a distinction between the avatāra and the source of avatāras?

There are two reasons for that:

394. The avatāras that appear in the four yugas are all plenary portions (amśa) of the original Supreme Personality of Godhead. They appear in certain

specific colors in each yuga, one after the other.

395. Their purpose is to establish religion and destroy irreligion. In every yuga these plenary portions (amśa) of the Supreme Lord descend as avatāras.

396. However, in Dvāpara-yuga Lord Harī descended in His original form. He is the crest jewel of all avatāras. He is above them all.

397. The meaning of Garga Muni's words is that generally in the Dvāpara-yuga the incarnation of the Lord is dark and handsaome like Kṛṣṇa, but He is not the original form of Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself.

398. Generally in the Dvapara-yuga the avatara is dark like Lord Kṛṣṇa, and bears the name Kṛṣṇa, but He is only a plenary portion of Kṛṣṇa. Now please hear the heart of this matter.

399. When Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself personally descends in the Dvāpara-yuga, in the following Kalī-yuga Lord Gauracandra makes His appearance. These two Lords who appear in the Dvapara and Kalī yugas are not different.

400. Although They descend in two different yugas, They are the same. Vyāsa explains this.

401. In the Br̥hat-sahasra-nāma-stotra it is said:

tam ārādhya tathā śambho
grahiṣyāmī varam sadā
dvāparādau yuge bhūtvā
kalayā manusādiṣu

svāgamaih kalpitais tvam ca
janān mad-vimukhān kuru
mām ca gopaya yena syāt
sr̥ṣṭir evottarottarā

"In Kalī-yuga, mislead the people in general by propounding imaginary meanings of the Vedas to bewilder them."*

402. Now I will tell you something else. Please listen. In Bhagavad-gītā (4.8) these words came from Lord Kṛṣṇa's mouth:

403. {.fn 2}paritrāṇāya sādhūnāṁ
vināśāya ca duṣ्कृtām
dharma-samsthāpanārthāya
sambhavāmī yuge yuge

{.sy 168y 'In order to deliver the pious and annihilate the miscreants, as well as to re-establish the principles of religion, I advent Myself millennium after millennium.'*

404 and 405. These words mean: In order to protect the pious, establish religion, and destroy impiety, I take birth in one yuga and then in another yuga.

Thus in two yugas I personally take birth.

406. Here I speak first of one yuga and then of another yuga. I speak the word yuga as a noun, a noun modified by an adjective.

407. When I speak it the word yuga is preceded by an adjective. The first yuga is the Dvāpara-yuga, and the second yuga is the Kali-yuga.

408. Why do you say that the words "yuge yuge" in this verse of Bhagavad-gītā refers to the four yugas?

The Kṛṣṇa-avatāra is the perfect and complete original Supreme Personality of Godhead. Why do you say He is only a plenary portion (amśa) of the Supreme Lord?

409. In other places in the scriptures the four yugas are mentioned. Please be attentive and I will quote such a reference.

410. In Bhagavad-gītā (4.7) Lord Kṛṣṇa delcares:

yadā yadā hī dharmasya
glānir bhavatī bhārata
abhyutthānam adharmasya
tadātmānam sṛjāmy aham

"Whenever and wherever there is a decline in religious practice, O descendant of Bharata, and a predominant rise in irreligion-at that time I descend Myself.*

411. In this verse the Supreme Lord says: At

whatever time, and in whatever yuga, religion is destroyed and irreligion arises, at that time I take birth.

412. At that time I appear Myself. Manifesting My plenary portion (amśa), I thus descend in every yuga.

413. Now I will tell you one thing. Please hear My words. I, Locana dāsa will explain this. Please do not disregard my words.

414. Here the Supreme Lord says: I, Lord Kṛṣṇa, take birth as Lord Gaura in Kalī-yuga. Please crush to death any doubts you may have about this.

415. Please hear the wonderful secret truth of the Kalī-yuga. In the Kalī-yuga the religion of saṅkīrtana (congregational chanting of Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names) will deliver the entire world.

416-417. Saṅkīrtana brings the same results attained by charity, vows, austerity, yajñas, study, sense-control, and following rules that restrict one's contact with sense objects and material desires. This truth I have heard in the Srutī-sastra. Still, the people are all shacked by māyā, have all become blinded, have all become worthless like heaps of

ashes, for they do not know the glories of the Supreme Lord's holy names and qualities.

418. Bound by the ropes of karma and wandering from place to place, the conditioned souls will not engage in renunciation. Neither will they perform pious deeds.

419. At the time of cosmic annihilation the ropes of karma that bind them are cut. Only when the ropes of karma are cut can they ask about Lord Kṛṣṇa.

420. Therefore saṅkīrtana is the yuga-dharma (religion of the age) for Kalī-yuga. Still, people who have committed horrible sins cannot understand this secret truth.

421. How can the yuga-dharma, which is saṅkīrtana, be destroyed? Who, but the Lord Himself, has the power to establish religion?

422. In the Bhagavad-gītā the Supreme Lord promises that He will descend to this world and protect religion.

423. He says (Bhagavad-gītā 4.8):

paritrāṇāya sādhūnāṁ
vināśāya ca duṣ्कृtām
dharma-samsthāpanārthāya
sambhavāmī yuge yuge

{.sy 168ý `In order to deliver the pious and annihilate the miscreants, as well as to re-establish the principles of religion, I advent Myself millennium after millennium.'*

424. In this verse the Lord says: To protect the devotees, destroy irreligion, and establish religion, I appear in every yuga.

425. In Kalī-yuga the yuga-dharma is saṅkīrtana. In Kalī-yuga the Lord's avatāra is Lord Gaura. There is no other.

426. After Lord Brahmā had spoken these words, the sages joyfully embraced each other. Brahmā was so overcome with bliss he did not even know who he was.

427. Then he spoke one more truth about Lord Gaura's glories. His every sense filled with bliss, he

said:

428. Please hear another explanation. In the Sahasra-nāma-stotra, in the description of two of the Lord's holy names, it is said (Mahābhārata, Śānti-parva):

429. {.fn 2}suvarṇa-varṇo hemāṅgo
varāṅgaś candanāṅgadī¹
sannyāsa-kṛc chamah śānto
niṣṭhā-śānti-parāyaṇah

"In His early pastimes He appears as a householder with a golden complexion. His limbs are beautiful, and His body, smeared with the pulp of sandalwood, seems like molten gold. In His later pastimes He accepts the sannyāsa order, and He is equipoised and peaceful. He is the highest abode of peace and devotion, for He silences the impersonalist non-devotees.*"

430. This verse means: Lord Gaura's body is

effulgent like gold. He accepts sannyāsa and He is very noble-hearted.

431. Please hear the following words from the Bhavisya Purāṇa, where three times the Lord vows that He will take birth in Kalī-yuga.

432. In that verse of the Bhavisya Pyrāṇa, the Supreme Lord declares:

ajāyadhvam ajāyadhvam
ajāyadhvam na saṁśayaḥ
kalau saṅkīrtanārambhe
bhavisyāmī śacī-sutah

{.sy 168ý 'I shall take birth. I shall take birth. I shall take birth. Of this there is no doubt. In the age of Kali, when the saṅkīrtana movement is inaugurated, I shall descend as the son of Śacī-devī.'*

433. Please carefully hear some other wonderful explanations. With an attentive heart please try to understand the secret of the yuga-dharma in Kali-

yuga.

434. In Kalī-yuga everyone is sinful. Irreligion is manifest and religion is diminished.

435. Harī-nāma-saṅkīrtana (chanting Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names) is the yuga-dharma in that age. In truth, chanting Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names is the essence of all religion.

436. By once chanting the Lord's holy name one easily attains the results of charity, vows, austerity, yajñā, jñāna, and japa, and one also easily attains liberation.

437. A hedonist addicted to sense pleasures may give some attention to chanting the holy names. At first he may remain a hedonist, but in the end he will become rapt in devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa.

438. If he chants the glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa, a faithful person will spurn all material pleasures and run to Lord Kṛṣṇa.

439. Thus chanting Lord Kṛṣṇa's names and glories is the true religion in the sinful Kali-yuga.

440. In this way I have described the nature of Kalī-yuga and its yuga-dharma. This is the highest

religion in the sinful age of Kali.

441. If someone say that the sins in Kalī-yuga are very difficult to cut into pieces, then I say that one should simply bring out the great sword of saṅkīrtana.

442. Why do the people who live in the Satya-yuga and other yugas pray to take birth in Kalī-yuga? Because in Kalī-yuga the people are very devoted to chanting Lord Hari's holy names.

443. In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (11.5.38) it is said:

kṛtādiṣu prajā rājan
kalāt icchantī sambhavam
kalau khalu bhaviṣyanti
nārāyaṇa-parāyaṇāḥ

"O king, the residents of Satya-yuga and the other yugas yearn to take birth in Kalī-yuga, for in Kalī-yuga there will be many devotees of Lord Nārāyaṇa.'

444. Why, when He descended to this world with all

His powers, did Lord Kṛṣṇa not give prema-bhaktī (loving devotional service) to even the sinners?

445. Please tell me: What incarnation in what yuga would be so merciful that He would give ecstatic spiritual love (prema) even to conditioned souls that do not engage in devotional service?

446. Religion, pious deeds, and holy places destroy sins. Do you know anything like them?

447. Some great souls know that Kalī-yuga is the best of all yugas, for within it is the religion of saṅkīrtana. In Kalī-yuga there is no other religion.

448. In this way Brahmā spoke. Hearing these words, Nārada struck his vīṇā and made a shower of sweet sounds.

449. Hearing this nectar conversation of Brahmā and Nārada, Locana dāsa finds that his heart is filled with bliss.

Song 8 (Sindhuda rāga)

450. Nārada said: Brahmā, what can I say? You have already spoken what was in my heart.

451-453. Shacked by past karma, for how many kalpas does the conditioned soul wander and wander in this world? If somehow such a person renders a small service to a Vaiṣṇava and if somehow he hears from that Vaiṣṇava the confidential truths of spiritual life, and if then he carefully strives to attain spiritual perfection, then the shackles of māyā that bind him will be opened. Then he will become devoted to Lord Kṛṣṇa. Then he will not even lift a finger to grasp any of the four kinds of liberation that begin with sālokya-mukti.
454. Who is qualified to attain the ecstatic love the gopīs felt? Of that I will talk.

455. The Supreme Lord is conquered by that love, which is superficially like the love of a woman for her paramour.

456. Who can describe that love? He so admired their virtues that Uddhava prayed to become a bush or a creeper.

457. In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (10.47.61) he said:

āśām aho caraṇa-reṇu-juṣām ahaṁ syāṁ
vṛṇdāvane kim apī gulma-latauṣadhiṇām
yā dustyajam svajanam ārya patham ca hitvā
bhejur mukunda-padavīṁ śrutibhir vimṛgyam

{.sy 168ýThe gopīs of Vṛndāvana have given up the association of their husbands, sons, and other family members, who are very difficult to give up, and they have forsaken the path of chastity to take shelter at the lotus feet of Mukunda, Kṛṣṇa, which one should search for by Vedic knowledge. Oh, let me be fortunate enough to be one of the bushes, creepers, or herbs in Vṛndāvana, because the gopīs trample them and bless them with the dust of their lotus feet."*

458-461. The same Supreme Personality of Godhead on whose feet Brahmā and Śiva meditate, whom the kings of the yugīs and the kings of the sages seek but cannot find, whose feet the many goddesses of

fortune serve, the sweet glory of whose feet words have no power to describe, whose great glories the four Vedas always sing, whose limitless glories have no end, who rests on the bed that is Lord Ananta Śeṣa, that same Lord has become a servant of the gopīs.

462. How many hundreds and hundreds of devotees are like them, are followers of the gopīs and have also conquered Lord Kṛṣṇa and brought Him under their control?

463. Who is Lord Kṛṣṇa? He is the all-pervading Supreme Personality of Godhead. Who are the gopīs? They are girls overcome with deep love for Kṛṣṇa, girls who ran into the forest to meet Kṛṣṇa.

464. I wish to describe these truths of devotional service. The greatest secrets are the secrets of pure devotional service. There are no other great secrets.

465. In Kalī-yuga the Supreme Personality of Godhead will preach these secrets of pure devotional service, secrest even Goddess Lakṣmī and Lord Ananta Śeṣa have never heard.

466. O Brahmā, please tell everyone in your assembly to take birth, by their plenary portions

(amśā), in the Kali-yuga.

467. Speaking these words, the great sage Nārada, his heart filled with bliss, departed. Locana dāsa speaks these words.

Song 9 (Mallāra rāga-Tripadī)

468. Nārada Munī departed. He sounded his vīṇā. The music was sweet and auspicious. It was like a shower of nectar on the hearts of the world's people.

It was a wonderful of bliss in the three worlds.

469. Plunged in bliss, Nārada sang: "Jaya! Jaya! Haribol!" These words of His fell on the three worlds: "Accompanied by His weapons and associates, Lord Gaura will happily take birth in the Kalī-yuga.

470. "Please be merciful to me. Please cast your glance on me. Please sprinkle your nectar words on my body. Jaya! Jaya Jagannātha! Accompanied by His devotees, the master of the universes will preach

the glories of devotional service offered to Him.

471. "The people of Kali-yuga are fortunate, fortunate. The people are all fortunate. The Supreme Lord will descend to the earth in the place called Nadīyā. Fortunate is Purandara Miśra, in whose home Lord Gaurarāja will take birth.

472. "Aha! Accompanied by His devotees, Lord Gaura will sing of Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories. The mṛdaṅgas, conchshells, and karatālas will all sound. A nectar shower of ecstatic spiritual love will fall on the fourteen worlds. Lord Gaura will preach the glories of glorifying Lord Kṛṣṇa.

473. "Lord Gaura will personally distribute the power to taste the sweet nectar rasas of Vṛndāvana. He will give it to the demigods, nāgas, and human beings, including even the caṇḍālas. He will give it to everyone.

474. "Please hear the blissful, blissful, auspicious, auspicious glories of the Lord. Now the great treasure of Vṛndāvana is openly manifest. The master of all the worlds has taken birth on the earth." Now Locana dāsa is delirious with bliss.

Song 10 (Varāḍi rāga)

Refrain: O my master! O my very life! Lord
Gauracandra has come to this world!

475. Hearing these words, Indra, Candra, the
demigods, and the kings of yogīs and sages all
danced with bliss.

476. Filled with bliss, Nārada continued his travels.
He saw that the people were like dead trees now
alive with a host of new sprouts.

477. Returning unannounced to earth, he saw the
people's religious practices were in chaos.

478. Everyone had turned away from charity, vows,
and austerities. With their bodies, words, and hearts
they worshiped only their wives.

479. Seeing all this, Nārada decided: "This is the
Kali-yuga. There is no doubt of that.

480. "My announcement fell on the three worlds.
Now the Kali-yuga has come."

481. Nārada sat down and became rapt in thought.

Suddenly from the sky a divine voice said:

482. "I am Lord Jagannātha. In My spiritual form of wood I reside by the ocean's shore in Nīlācala to deliver the people.

483. "You do not remember what happened before. I promised I would keep Goddess Kātyāyanī's vow.

484. "Go. Go, O king of the sages, to Jagannātha Puri. Obey Lord Jagannātha's command."

485. His heart filled with bliss, Nārada traveled there. The sound rising from his vīṇā cooled the feverish people of the world.

486. With great love calling out, "O! O Jagannātha!", he ran to Jagannātha Puri. There he gazed at the graceful moonlike face of Lord Jagannātha, the ruler of the three worlds.

487. Lord Jagannātha is the resting place of all divine incarnations. His blissful face is the abode of all nectar and all gracefulness.

488. Nārada fell at Lord Jagannātha's feet. Folding his hands, he said: "O Lord Jagannātha, please be merciful. Now the age of Kalī has come.

489. "Now everyone has fallen into a host of

horrible sins. Everyone is devoted only to their bellies and genitals. They are all bewildered with great lamentations."

490. Hearing these words, Lord Jagannātha smiled and spoke. Touching Nārada's hand, in that secluded place the Lord said:

491. "I will tell you a great secret. By My command you should now go to the spiritual world of Goloka."

Song 11 (Pāhidā rāga-Tripadī chanda)

492. "Above Vaikuṇṭha is the world of Goloka, where Śrī Gaurasundara is king. In that place are Rukmiṇī and a host of women. There Lord Harī is the only male. Everyone there is full of bliss.

493. "There Rādhā and Rukmiṇī are the two queens. The other women are Their expansions. Following hundreds and hundereds of branches of devotion, these personified potencies engage in devotional service.

494. "Satyabhāmā is also a queen there. Her beauty and virtues have no peer. She has the greatest intelligence and sweetness. Her playfulness, beauty, artistic talent, and good fortune are glorious. She is the most beautiful and charming girl in the three worlds.

495. "In that realm are singing and music and the rhythms of drums. In that realm are the spiritual vibrations of the Vedas including the fifth Veda. In that realm sublime intelligence is everywhere present.

496. "In that realm are many expansions of the supreme Lord and many hosts of exalted Vaiṣṇavas. That nectar city bears the name Raṅga-purī. Why has the power to describe the glory of that realm? Having only a single mouth, I have no power to describe it.

497. "In that realm, in Vṛndāvana forest, Lord Kṛṣṇa enjoys the rāsa dance with Śrī Rādhā and a host of gopīs. In that realm, in Dvārakā City, many women, the followers and servants of Queen Rukmiṇī, taste the nectar of ecstatic spiritual love.

498. "No one there lacks devotion. Everyone there

always sings the glories of the Lord. Although they are all free and independent, everyone there voluntarily submits to the Lord's will. Everyone there is liberated. Still, they humbly engage in devotional service as if they were conditioned souls in the world of matter.

499. "The four kinds of liberation, which begin with salokya-mukli, are all potencies of Vaikuṇṭha's master. The master of Vaikuṇṭha is never conquered by persons who have no devotion. He possesses all opulencees. He is no fallen and lowly. He is conquered only by pure devotion.

500. "Sugar has no power to taste its own sweetness. Only others can taste it. Liberation is an obstacle on the path of devotional service. Loving devotional service is the highest attainment.

501. "This city is beyond the jurisdiction of the demigod Brahmā. It is My home. Out of compassion Śrī Caitanya, the master of all, will come here. His form will be tall and fair. When you see Him the troubles in your heart will perish.

502. "I Myself will be the Śrī Caitanya you will see. I

will preach the chanting of My own glories. I will destroy everyone's sufferings. I will preach the bliss of ecstatic spiritual love. I will deliver the people of Kali-yuga."

503. Hearing these wonderful words, Nārada Muni departed. He thought, "Now I will see the world of Goloka, a world higher than Vaikuṇṭha, a world beyond what the Vedas can see, a world whose praises are sung in all the worlds.

504. "The secret truths I heard from the devotees about liberation, what is beyond liberation, and what is neither known nor manifest to the Vedas and the material world, today I will see directly."

505. Filled with love, Nārada flew to the spiritual world. Hearing the sound of his vīṇā, the residents of Vaikuṇṭha became joyful. Filled with bliss, and singing auspicious songs glorifying the Supreme Lord, Nārada arrived at the gate of Vaikuṇṭha.

506. Surrounded by His associates, Lord Nārāyaṇa, the master of Vaikuṇṭha saw Nārada and offered him a seat on a jewel throne. Falling at the Lord's feet, Nārada offered respectful obeisances. The Lord picked him up and embraced him.

507. Smiling and smiling, Lord Nārāyaṇa asaid: "What is in your heart? O great sage, please tell. I will grant whatever wish is in your heart. What you do not know I will reveal."

508. Folding his palms, Nārada Muni said: "You are the Supersoul present in every heart. What need I explain to You? What in Your spiritual form of wood You described to me I will soon see with my own eyes."

509. Then Lord Nārāyaṇa, who is decorated with the jewels of all virtues, said: "The form I secretly deascribed to you is My original form. Māyā is that form's shadow. Hundreds and hundreds of avatāras come from that form. Worship of that form is the noblest endeavor.

510. "I am a plenary expansion of that form. I am present everywhere. I am Lord Viṣṇu from whom everything has come. I am everything of everything. Goddess Laksmī is My follower. The four kinds of liberation also follow Me. What I tell you is the truth.

511. "I, Lord Viṣṇu, am His plenary expansion.

Goddess Lakṣmī is His potency of opulence. This Vaikunṭha realm is the plenary expansion of His original Vaikuṇṭha realm. The liberation here is only a shadow of the liberation in His realm. There pure devotional service is present everywhere. Lord Nārāyaṇa serves Him, the master of that Vaikuṇṭha.

512. "In His realm Śrī Rādhā' is the only potency. Her form is filled with ecstatic spiritual love. She brings the Supreme Personality of Godhead under Her control. His realm is one of the Vaikuṇṭha worlds. It is called Mahā-Vaikuṇṭha. It is three-quarters of all existence.

513. "What I say is the truth. Lord Gaura-Harī is beyond the touch of māyā. He is a kalp-avrksa tree of compassion. O sage, go to Him. Go. Go to Mahāprabhu's place. He is the śikṣā-guru (teacher) of all the worlds."

514. Sounding his vīṇā and singing sounds glorifying Lord Hari, Nārada, the king of the kings of the sages, departed. His limbs trembled in ecstasy. From head to foot the hairs of his body stood erect. Tears of spiritual love streamed from his eyes.

515. He became wild with ecstatic love. One

moment he was filled with wonder. Another moment he called out: "Gaurāṅga!" Another moment he stumbled. Another moment he fell backwards. Another moment he wept. Another moment he eagerly ran.

516. Suddenly a breeze blew upon him, a breeze that brought coolness to his whole body. Then came an effulgence glorious like ten million moons. Then he smelled the fragrance of the Supreme Lord's graceful lotus feet. Then Nārada's whole body was overwhelmed with ecstasy. Then he gazed on a person more glorious than Kāmadeva.

517. Many Kāmadevas served that person. No one there saw Him without feeling great love. They did not know whether it was day or night. They did not see Nārada as different from them. Everyone there was filled with bliss and free of grief.

518. Their walking was playful dancing. Their words were graceful songs. Their eyes were drawn to the Lord. No limb of their bodies was not filled with bliss. No one of them was lacking in ecstatic spiritual love. Their bodies were made of nectar.

519. Every body was made of knowledge and bliss. The ground was made of cintāmaṇī jewels. Every tree was a kalpa-vṛkṣa tree. Every cow was a kāmadhenu cow. This was the realm where Uddhava and other great devotees yearn to become a bush or a vine.

520. Every tree there was a kalpa-vṛkṣa tree. In that realm was a peerless jewel platform. On a golden throne there Lord Gaurāṅga Rāya, with a smile sweeter than nectar, sat.

521. The Lord's left big toe touched an auspicious waterpot near the throne. A jewel lamp shone like the sun. It filled that whole realm with light.

522. Rādhika' was on the Lord's right. Her followers were at Her side. In their hands were jewel waterpots. Rukminī was on the Lord's left. Her friends were at her side. In their hands were gold waterpots with jewel water.

523. Nagnajitā placed a waterpot in Mitravindā's hand. Mitravindā placed it in Sulakṣaṇā's hand. Sulakṣaṇā placed it in Rukmiṇī's hand. From that pot Queen Rukmiṇī poured celestial Gaṅgā water on Lord Gaurāṅga's head. In this way the Lord's

abhiṣeka (ritual bathing) was performed.

524. Tilottamā placed a waterpot in Madhupriyā's hand. Madhupriyā placed it in Candramukhī's hand. Candramukhī placed it in Rādhikā's hand. From that pot Queen Rādhika‘ poured celestial Gaṅgā water on the Lord Gaurāṅga's head. In this way the Lord's abhiṣeka (ritual bathing) was again performed.

525. In her hands Satyabhāmā brought splendid scents, garlands, garments, and ornaments and placed them in the hands of her maidservants Laksanā, Subhadrā, and Bhadrā.

526. In the four directions hundreds and hundreds of goddesses brought splendid divine gifts. With their own hands again and again they offered clusters of precious jewels to the Lord. Loudly they sang auspicious songs of "Jaya! Jaya!"

527. In this way they performed the abhiṣeka of Lord Gaurāṅga, the master of Goloka. It was He and no other. The scriptures meditate on Him with rapt attention. His form is fair like gold. He is worshiped with a four-syllable mantra. When He is the king of Vaikuṇṭha His form is dark.

528. When he manifests His dark form of Vaikuntha's king He has four hands that hold four weapons. When He has a form splendid like gold, His every limb is like gold. Then He has two arms and He speaks gently. Please hear the truth of this.

529. Gazing then at Lord Gaura decorated with the jewels of transcendental virtues, Nārada Muni, overcome with ecstatic spiritual love, fell at the Lord's feet. With unblinking eyes he gazed at the Lord. With his tears he bathed the Lord's feet.

530. Bathed in this way, the Lord gently smiled, picked up Nārada, and placed him in His lap. Now Nārada's doubts and fears all perished. The anguish in his heart was crushed into dust. Then Nārada, who is very dear to the Lord, gently, gently spoke.

531. Nārada Munī said: "O Lord Mahāprabhu, never have I seen or heard of a form wonderful like Yours. Now my birth has borne its fruit. Now I see a flood of nectar. Now I know that I am fortunate, fortunate.

532. "Brahmā and the demigods do not understand You. Therefore ī say You and Your avatāras are beyond the knowledge of individual souls. Some say

You are a spiritual effulgence. Others say no words coming from any mouth can ever describe You No one can speak any metaphor or simile that will give a true idea of You.

533. "Some say You are greater than the greatest, the Supreme Person. No one has the power to describe You completely. Gazing only on Your all-pervading energies one does not attain liberation.

Your actions are beyond our understanding.

534. "Speaking with a thousand tongues in a thousand mouths, Lord Ananta Śeṣa still cannot come to the end of Your glories. O Lord Gaura, it is only by Your mercy that I have seen You.

535. "They who have single-pointed intelligence offer āratī to You and serve Your feet Their intelligence is not diverted into many paths. Some say You are an all-pervading something subtly worshiped by the sāṅkhya-yogīs and grossly worshiped by the devotees.

536. "Some follow varnasrama-dharma in the Vedas and perform their prescribed duties. Some follow Vedānta. They do not come to any firm conclusion.

Not understanding You in truth, they become the followers of many different philosophies.

537. "Why do they ferociously debate amongst themselves? Logic gives them no power to understand You. Some of them say all is one. I do not understand Your heart. Your words are completely beyond my understanding.

538. "Now that I have attained the mercy of Your feet, my life-breath weeps without stop. Please allow me to give up this material body and take birth again in the family of Your devotees. Then I will be able to worship you with loving devotion (prema-bhakti)."

539. Hearing Nārada's words, Lord Narayana, who is decorated with the jewels of all transcendental virtues, said: "Go. Go. Go, O king of sages. I will deliver the people of Kali-yuga. I will preach pure devotion offered to Me. I will take birth amongst the devotees in Nadīyā.

540. "Go to the earth. I stay always at Svetadvipa. Balarāma is My brother. Ananta Śeṣa is His plenary expansion. Śiva and the eleven Rudras worship and serve Him.

541. "He enjoys pastimes with beautiful Reavtī. He stays on an island in the midst of the milk ocean. From Him the avatāras come. He helps Me. He goes first and does My work.

542. "Go to Him. Go, O king of sages. Serve Him and tell Him these words: By Your plenary expansion take birth on the earth and accept the name Nityānanda."

543. Hearing the Supreme Lord's words, with a happy heart Nārada Muni said: "Haribol!" Locana dāsa describes this, the conversation of those two. Whoever hears these words will be tossed by waves of bliss.

Song 12 (Kṣudra-chanda-Dhānaśī rāga)

Refrain: I will take shelter of the Lord's reddish lotus feet. Go. Go and freely distribute ecstatic spiritual love. I will make the world wild with ecstatic love.

544. Bidding farewell to Nārada, the Supreme Lord sat down. Then a thought sprouted in His heart.

545. He said: "I will take birth on the earth. Now I will tell the reason why. Everyone please carefully hear."

546. Surrounded by His associates, the Supreme Lord spoke His heart. The supreme controller of all controllers was worried about the earth.

547. On His right was Rādhikā. On His left was Queen Rukmiṇī. All around Him were the most important gopīs and queens.

548. All around Him were His dear associates. All around Him were His followers.

549. The Lord's dear associates, for whom He is more dear than life, were eager to hear Him.

Millions and millions of eyes gazed at His handsome face.

550. As cakora birds yearn after a single moon, so the Lord's associates yearned to drink the nectar rays of the Lord's moonlike face.

551. The Lord said: "Yuga after yuga I take birth on the earth. I protect the devotees and I also protect

the principles of religion. That is My mission.

552. "I establish the principles of religion. Still, the people do not understand. Sin has greatly increased.

The people are now addicted to sin.

553. "In Tretā-yuga sin increased. Now there was more sin than in Satya-yuga. Then in Dvāpara-yuga sin increased even more. That made Me very sorrowful.

554. "Then came horrible Kali-yuga filled with blinding darkness. Not the smallest particle of true religion remained. Seeing everyone's sufferings, I felt very compassionate.

555. "What is My duty when irreligion increases? To destroy irreligion I must descend to the material world.

556. "Compassion has now taken birth in My heart. To show the people the ecstatic spiritual love the devotees feel for Me I will now take birth in the material world.

557. "I will show the people rare ecstatic loving devotional service (prema-bhakti). I will teach them what is true religion and what is not.

558. "In Navadvīpa, in Jagannātha Miśra's house near the Gaṅgā, I will take birth in Śacī's womb.

559. "This avatāra will not be like the other avatāras. In the other avatāras I conquer the earth to kill the demons.

560. "Then My form is great, My weapons are great, and My demon adversaries are great. Fighting great battles, I kill the demons. I crush them to powder.

561. "But now everyone is a demon at heart. Now I will not cut them to pieces with My word. How can I attack them with My weapons?

562. "I will show them My holy names, My glories and transcendental qualities, My saṅkīrtana movement, and the power of My Vaiṣṇava devotees, I will show them the glory of the ecstatic spiritual love the devotees feel for Me.

563. "In this way I will destroy the sins of Kalī-yuga. All of you please go there before Me. Go, and I will follow. Don't hesitate.

564. "Wielding the sharp sword of nāma-saṅkīrtana (chanting the holy names), I will cut to pieces the demonic desires in their hearts.

565. "If the sinners flee far away, the great devotees

who are generals in My armies will pursue them.

566. "I will plunge the whole world in the nectar of ecstatic spiritual love for Me. Not a single particle of suffering or grief will remain.

567. "Into that nectar I will plunge the demigods and all the moving and unmoving beings." Hearing these words, Locana dāsa is now filled with bliss.

Song 13 (Varāḍi rāga)

568. Sounding his vīṇā, Nārada Munī traveled.

Then he could no longer move his hands or feet. His eyes filled with tears, he no longer saw the way to go. He trembled and stumbled like a drunkard.

569. When he took two or four steps forward, again he took the same steps back. His voice choked with emotion, he wildly chanted the Lord's holy names.

Ten million times he fell to the ground and with great effort stood again. Rivers of tears streamed from his eyes.

570. One moment he became like a madman. He roared like a lion. In his heart he was rapt in thinking of Lord Gaura. Of the outside world he was not aware. He knew neither himself nor others.

He thought only of Lord Gaura.

571. His body glorious like ten million suns, Nārada flew in outer space. In a moment he came to Śvetadvīpa, the effulgent abode of Lord Balarāma.

572. There he gazed at a wonderful city effulgent like millions of millions of cooling moons. A gentle breeze fragrant with the scent of many glorious flowers, blew. Every door was made of glorious elephant pearls.

573. Everyone was in pure goodness. There was no old age, death, or grief. Everyone was a friend. Ever person he saw was sweet and charming. The milk ocean was glorious like Lord Balarāma Himself.

574. Gazing at all this, Nārada thought within his heart: "I am fortunate. Very fortunate. With my own eyes I will soon see the master of the three worlds. Weeping, I will fall at His feet.

575. "Yuga after yuga, Lord Balarāma descends to the material world and helps Lord Kṛṣṇa. He enjoys

limitless pastimes. He kills a host of demons.

576. "Manifesting His plenary expansion, Lord Balarāma manifests in three spiritual abodes. There He pleases Lord Kṛṣṇa with His service. He is the beginning, middle, and end. In His expansion of Lord Ananta, He holds the earth on one of His many hoods.

577. "He is the Supreme Lord enjoying many blissful pastimes in Śvetadvīpa. Going to the highest spiritual abode, with wonderful happiness He serves Lord Mahāprabhu.

578. "When Lord Mahāprabhu walks, Balarāma becomes His parasol. When Lord Mahāprabhu sits, Balarāma becomes His cloth for sitting. At the time of cosmic annihilation, Balarāma becomes a banyan leaf for Lord Mahāprabhu. During great battles, Balarāma becomes a host of divine weapons. In these many ways Balarāma serves Lord Mahāprabhu.

579. "In one expansion He serves Lord Mahāprabhu. In another expansions He holds up the earth. That is my Lord Balarāma. Soon I will see Lord Balarāma,

the master of the three worlds as He sits in the midst of the milk ocean. Soon I will receive His command.

580. "These two Lords are like a king and his minister. with one will They protect the earth. Accompanied by Lord Śiva and by The expansions of Their expansions, They will both descend to the earth."

581. Filled with these thoughts, Nārada Muni joyfully entered the city. There, surrounded by His associates, he saw wonderful Lord Balarāmacandra, the master of the three worlds.

582. Lord Balarāma sat on a great white throne like a snow-covered mountain peak. His smile was sweet like nectar. His eyes were like red lotus flowers. His glance was sleepy with intoxication. The words on His mouth were half-spoken babbling.

583. Their pupils like black bees, His eyes were half-closed. His necklace glistened with jewels, pearls, and coral. One could not see all the ornaments on His body.

584. Relaxed, He sat on a soft pillow. His left hand rested on His head. His right hand held Revatī's

hand. Preparing betelnuts, Revatī placed them in Lord Balarāma's mouth. Speaking words of love, she gazed at Him.

585. In the four directions were many maidservants. Their bracelets and ornaments tinkled. Some smiled and waved cāmaras. Some played the vīṇā or the flute. Some sang songs. Some beautiful girls gracefully played on drums.

586. There were hundreds and hundreds of maidservants, each engaged in her own duties. Nārada Munī sounded his vīṇā. Lord Balarāma suddenly glanced at him.

587. Overcome with bliss, Nārada Munī trembled and fell to the ground. Lord Balarāma picked him up and embraced him. The Lord gazed at Him with eternal love. He spoke pleasing, cooling words.

588. Smiling, Lord Balarāma said: "From whence have you come? Please tell Me. Tell Me your secrets. Tell what you have done. Tell what is in your heart. Floods and floods of bliss now rise up within Me."

589. Nārada Munī respectfully said: "What can I say? I know very well that You are the Supersoul present

in every heart. Whatever I think, whatever I would say, You already know, O Lord.

590. "The people of Kalī-yuga are very sinful. Seeing that they have no hope of deliverance, You felt compassion for them in Your heart, O Lord. That is why now You will descend to the earth. You will protect Your devotees. You will establish the true religion.

591. "You hinted to me that now irreligion will perish and the true religion will be established. You commanded me to proclaim this news. Hearing this news, the worlds became joyful.

592. "Feeling Rādhā's love within Your heart, and manifesting Rādhā's complexion outside on Your form, within and without You will become like Rādhā. Accompanied by Your gopa and gopī associates and by numberless other devotees also, You will make everyone wild, intoxicated by tasting the blissful love the people of Vraja feel for You.

593. "Accompanied by Your associates, servants, and confidential companions, You will take birth on the earth. You will accept the name Nityānanda. Your body, heart, and deeds will not stay invisible to the

people of the earth. All this Lord Gaurāṅga commanded me."

594. Hearing this words, Lord Nityānanda Rāya joyfully glanced in the four directions. Then He loudly, loudly laughed. His laughter was like thunder. He was very wonderful to see. Overcome with the bliss of ecstatic love, He forgot Himself.

595. Lord Balarāma said: "Command your followers to take birth on the earth. By the Lord's order deliver the people. O Nārada Muni, you also go. Take birth on the earth. What formerly was invisible to the people of the earth I will now make visible to their eyes."

596. Everyone please attentively hear these nectar words, these songs filled with the glories of Lord Gaura. Lord Gaura is the best of avatāras. In a fair form He descended to the Kali-yuga. O people, please remember HIm in your hearts.

597. Placing a straw between my teeth, and feeling great anguish in my heart, I beg you: Please do not neglect the glories of Lord Gaura. Dont fiø your thoughts on this world of birth and death. Instead

please fall in love with Lord Kṛṣṇa. Then you will escape the cycle of repeated births and deaths.

598. Lord Gaura, who had never come before, will descend to this world. He will bring to life they who are on the verge of death. He will show the true path to they who are blind. This Locana dāsa sings His glories.

Song 14 (Bhāṭīyārī rāga)

Refrain: Sing, O my brothers! Sing the glories of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda!

599. Thus following Lord Mahāprabhu's command, by their pleanry portions (amśā), all the Lord's associates took birth on the earth.

600. Lord Śiva was the first. He took birth in a brāhmaṇa's family. His name was Kamalākṣa.

601. Reading and hearing, he became very learned. In this way he was given the title "Advaita Acārya".

602. Lord Śiva is situated in the mode of pure

goodness. Still, the foolish people of this world say he is in the mode of ignorance.

603. They do not know what is in his heart. Seeing only his external activities, they say he is in the mode of ignorance.

604. In his heart Lord Śiva always meditates on Lord Kṛṣṇa. That is why Lord Śiva is called "Harī-hara" (He who always keeps Lord Kṛṣṇa within himself). Rather it is the materialistic people who are in the mode of ignorance. Instead of Lord Kṛṣṇa,

they keep the mode of ignorance in their hearts.

605. It is the materialistic devotees are in the mode of ignorance. I say it is they who are lowly and fallen. It is they who are foolish, who have only very little knowledge.

606. How can they say Lord Śiva is in the mode of ignorance? Please do not disrespect Lord Śiva in this way. Do not speak or hear any criticisms of Lord Śiva.

607. Carefully considering everything in my heart, I say this: Lord Gaura is the best of avatāras.

608. Then Lord Balarāma, with whose help all the

avatāras enjoy Their pastimes, took birth on the earth.

609. He took birth in a brāhmaṇas family. Following the yuga-dharma, He was always filled with eternal bliss.

610. In His plenary expansion He becomes Lord Ananta, who has a thousand hoods. With only one of those hoods He holds up the earth and protects the entire material creation.

611. This same Lord Balarāma took birth in Padmavatī's womb. His father was Hadāī Ojha, who was also called by the name Paramānanda.

612. Lord Balarāma's father and mother gave Him the name Kuvera Paṇḍita. When He accepted sannyāsa, Lord Balarāma accepted the name Nityānanda.

613. In the month of Māgha, on the śukla-trayodaśī, at an auspicious moment, He very happily took birth on the earth.

614. Then Goddess Kātyāyanī also took birth in a brāhmaṇa's family. Her name was Sītā.

615. She married Advaita Acārya. Together they both manifested great love and devotion for Lord

Kṛṣṇa.

616. I have very little intelligence. How can I know the truth? How can I explain the identities of the devotees who descended to the earth?
617. What I have heard from the mouths of the great souls I will not repeat. I am too shy.
618. I have no power to say their original identities.
I will only list their names.
619. I will not consider who is most important and should come first and who is less important and should come last. How can I know? Neither will I give them in alphabetical order.
620. There were Śacī-devī and Jagannātha Miśra Puranadara. Lord Caitanya took birth in their home.
621. There were Gopīnātha and Kaśī Miśra Thākura. They delighted all who followed Lord Caitanya's path.
622. There were Śrī Gadādhara Pañdita, Gadādhara dāsa, Murāri, Mukunda Datta, and Śrīnivāsa.
623. There were Rāmānanda Rāya, Vāsudeva Datta, Haridāsa Thākura, and Govindadāsa.

624. There were Iśvara Puri, Mādhavendra Puri, Viṣṇu Puri, Vakreśvara, and saintly Paramānanda Puri.

625. There were Jagadānanda Paṇḍita, Viṣṇupriyā, Rāghava Paṇḍita, and many others who stayed on the earth.

626. There were Rāmadasa, Gaurīdāsa, glorious Kṛṣṇadāsa, Puruṣottama, and Śrī Kamalākara.

627. There were Kāla Kṛṣṇadāsa and Uddharaṇa Datta. These great souls were among the twelve gopālas in Vraja.

628. There were Parameśvara dāsa, Vṛndāvana dāsa, Kāśīvara, Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, and Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī.

629. There were Govinda, Mādhava Ghoṣa, and Vāsu Ghoṣa, All these met together on the earth.

630. There were Dāmodara Paṇḍita and his five brothers. They took birth in the same family on the earth.

631. There were Purandara Paṇḍita and Paramānanda Vaidya. Some devotees came to the earth earlier and other later.

632. There was also Naraharī Thākura, who is my

master. I will especially describe his glorious character and activities.

633. How can I describe his glorious character and activities? As far as the power of my intelligence allows, I will describe them.

634. O my heart, please don't be proud. Simply bow down before my spiritual master's feet.

635. O my master, by the mercy of your feet even a person like myself, a person worthless like a pile of ashes, can describe your glories.

636. I am Śrī Narahari's servant. He is my master. In the community of physicians he is glorious and famous.

637. His love for Lord Kṛṣṇa has no limit. His body is filled with Lord Kṛṣṇa's potency. To his followers he explains the truth of ecstatic spiritual love for Lord Kṛṣṇa.

638. His heart is overcome with compassion for the numberless conditioned souls. His heart is always restless with ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa.

639. When ectstatic love arose within him it was as if his body was plunged in the nectar of love for Śrī

Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa.

640. In this way, moment after moment plunged in Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa's nectar glories, he lived in the village of Śrīkhaṇḍa.

641. He became known as "Naraharī Caitanya".
Without his feet I have no good future.

642. One moment he was plunged in ecstatic love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Another moment he was plunged in ecstatic love for Śrī Rādhā. He was personified nectar love for Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa.

643. He purely walked on the path taught by Lord Caitanya. He was the incarnation of the peerless nectar of spiritual love.

644. He is appropriately affectionate to all the Vaiṣṇavas. His pure fame is manifest in all the world.

645. In the spiritual world of Vṛndāvana he is the gopī Madhumatī, who is Śrī Rādhā's dear friend, and who is a great reservoir of sweetness.

646. During the Kali-yuga he became Narahari, a personal associate of Lord Caitanya. He is perfectly qualified to taste the great reservoir of ecstatic love for Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

647. His nephew is Śrī Raghunandana Thākura,
whose fame is very great in this world.

648. He fed laḍḍus to his Deity, and his Deity
personally ate them. What fool dares say Śrī
Raghunandana is an ordinary unintelligent person?

649-650. Such person's cannot know what is in a
true Vaiṣṇava's heart. He would talk with his Kṛṣṇa
Deity, and His Deity would talk to him. How can
anyone know his true glories?

651. Lord Caitanya said to him: "You are my very
life." Abhirāma Gosvāmī revealed his true identity.

652. Seeing Lord Caitanya embrace him, everyone
thought he must be an incarnation of Kāmadeva.

653. When the power of Lord Kṛṣṇa entered (āveśa)
him, he danced, his dancing enchanting the hearts
of everyone in the world. He did not make
distinctions. He loved everyone equally.

654. The words he spoke were always sweet. He
never listened to harsh words.

655. He was intelligent, expert, playful, charming,
and handsome. His body was like a flood of nectar.
He was the most fortunate person in the world.

656. His father was the noble-hearted Mukunda dāsa, who had pure faith in the path Lord Caitanya taught.

657. Seeing a peacock-feather fan in the royal assembly, he fainted, overcome with ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa.

658. What kind of nectar pastimes did he enjoy in Lord Caitanya's company? Who knows? Only Lord Ananta Śeṣa, and the other personal associates of the Lord know.

659. How can a conditioned soulk know Lord Kṛṣṇa's powers and glories? One who knows Lord Kṛṣṇa can see Him directly.

660. What more can I say? The Lord weapons and personal companions came to the earth. How many of them can I name?

661. Perhaps I copuld measure the ocean bt draining it with waterpots, one by one. Perhaps I could one by one countthe particles of dust on the earth.

662. Perahps I could have the power to count the stars in the sky. Even if I could do all this, I still could never have the power to write down all the glories of the Lord's Gaura-avatāra.

663. I am very unintelligent. What more can I say.

How can a fool understand the Vedas?

664. How can a blind man see a glustening jewel?

How can a dwarf reach up a touch the moon?

665. How can a proud lame man jump over a mountain? How can a tiny ant carry a great mountain on its back?

666. In the same way my heart yearns to describe

Lord Gaura-avatāra's pastimes

667-668. Folding my hands, I say: Everyone, please hear. By the Lord Gaura's glory a dumb man can become an eloquent speaker, and a person without a tongue can speak very wise words, and a fool who has never studied books can describe the Supreme Lord.

669. Taking birth on the earth, the great, great

devotees of the Lord describe the secret truths of

Lord Kṛṣṇa.

670. Without any selfish motive they are compassioned to all the conditioned souks. They are like a mother who takes care of a mischievous child.

671. Seeing that it has no limit, I, a very fallen

person, long to attain the nectar of the Lord's mercy.

672. The body of Śrī Naraharī dāsa is filled with compassion. Seeing this, I, a sinner, love him without limit.

673. Seeing that I was a wicked, blind, very ill-behaved sinner who had no shelter, Śrī Naraharī felt compassion for me.

674. By the power of his mercy and the mercy of the other Vaiṣṇavas, this fool hopes to complete this book.

675. Folding my hands, I speak these plaintive words:
I offer myself at the feet of the Vaiṣṇavas.

676. In this world no one is more fallen than me.
Only by the Vaiṣṇavas mercy will I be able to complete my task.

677. Placing a straw between his teeth, Locana dāsa humbly bows down and says: Please fulfill my desire.

678. Now the Sūtra-khaṇḍa of this book has come to its end. Everyone please hear. Now I will speak the Adī-khaṇḍa describign Nōrd Gaura-avatāra.

679. The Sūtra-khaṇḍa has now ended. With a happy heart Locana dāsa will now describe the

Lord's pastimes of ecstatic love.

Thus ends the Sūtra-khaṇḍa

Srila Locana dasa Thakura's
Sri Caitanya-mangala

Adi-khaṇḍa

Janma-līlā

Birth Pastimes

Song 1 (Danaśī rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: O master of the lives of Gadādhara and
Narahari! O Supreme Lord! Please cast Your
merciful glance on all the conditioned souls. O Lord
Gauracandra, glory, glory to You!

1. Glory, glory to Lord Gaurāṅga! Glory to

Gadādhara and Narahari! Glory to all-powerful
Lord Nityānanda!

2. Glory, glory to Advaita Acārya, who is Lord Śiva
himself! Glory, glory to the great devotees of Lord
Gaurāṅga!

3. I place my head in the dust of all their feet. Now I
will speak the Adi-khaṇḍa. Please listen attentively.

4. When the Lord's personal associates had taken
birth on the earth, a great proclamation was
sounded.

5. It said: "Everyone go to the earth. Don't delay.
Our Lord will soon take birth from Śacī's womb."

6. Then sounds of "Glory! Glory!" filled the
universe. Filled with ecstatic love, the demigods,
nāgas, and human beings all watched to see.

7. Some said: "It is the eternal spiritual effulgence."
Others said: "It is Lord Nārāyaṇa, who is greater
than the greatest and smaller than the smallest."

8. Others said: "It is the Supreme Brahman, who is
greater than the greatest and smaller than the
smallest." In this way the people described the Lord
who had entered Śacī's womb.

9. Filling qith air, Śacī's womb grew larger and larger. Seeing this, everyone felt more and more spiritual love.

10. One, two, three, four, five, and siø months passed. Great bliss was manifest in Śacī's womb.

11. Day by day Śacī's body grew more and more effulgent. Seeing this, everyone felt great joy in their hearts.

12. No one knew who it was that had entered Śacī's womb. In house after house everyone speculated on that person's identity.

13. When the sixth month ended the effulgence in Śacī's womb filled her body and her entire house with light.

14. At that time there was a wonderful event.

Advaita Acarya unexpectedly came there.

15. Seeing Advaita Acārya, Jagannātha Miśra respectfully stood up.

16. Advaita Acārya Gosāī is thwe abode of all transcendental virtues. In all the three worlds no one is fortunate and glorious like him.

17. Seeing him, Jagannātha Miśra respectfully offered a sitting place to his guest.

18. On his own head he placed the dust from Advaita Acārya's feet. He was very humble and respectful.

19. Śacī-devī washed Advaita Acārya's feet with water. As she respectfully gazed at her, Advaita Acārya felt ecstatic spiritual love arise within himself.

20. His two lotus eyed became red with ecstatic love. Tears flowed from his eyes. His face became red.

21. His limbs trembled. He spoke broken words. He had no power to restrain himself.

22. Her circumambulated Śacī, and then he bowed down before her. Seeing these unusual activities, Śacī was very surprised.

23. Sacī was surprised, and Jagannatha Misra was full of doubt. Unhappy at heart, he said: "Why do you do this? Why?"

24. Jagannātha Miśra said: "Please hear, O Advaita Acārya. I do not understand your actions.

25. "If you are kind to me, then please dispel my doubt. Do not allow my body to burn in the flames of worry."

26. Then Advaita Acārya said: "Please hear, O Jagannātha Miśra. In the future you will understand it all." That was his reply.

27. Then Advaita Acārya, learned in all the scriptures, and the hairs on his body erect, anointed Śacī's glorious womb with fragrant sandal paste.

28. Seven times he circumambulated her. Then he bowed down. He said nothing. Then he left for his own home.

29. Śacī and Jagannātha wondered: "Why did he bow down before my womb?"

30. In this way Advaita Acārya bowed down before Śacī's womb. Now her womb became a hundred times more effulgent. Śacī forgot herself.

31. She saw that everything was fill of bliss. She saw no sufferings. She saw all the demigods were now standing before her.

32. Brahmā, Śiva, Sanaka, and all the demigods now offered prayers to her womb.

33. They said: "Glory, glory You, O limitless, eternal Supreme Lord who has no rival! Glory, glory to You, O Supreme Lord whose bliss is eternal and who rescues His devotees.

34. "Glory to You, who are beyond the material modes of goodness, passion, and ignorance. Glory to You, O Lord Mahā-Viṣṇu, who reside in the Kāraṇa Ocean.

35. "Glory to You, O very glorious master of the spiritual sky! Glory to You, O Lord beyond material goodness, O Lord whose form is made of spiritual goodness.

36. "Glory to You, who are the master of Goloka and the lover of Rādhā! Glory, glory to You, O king of limitless Vaikuṇṭha worlds!

37. "Glory, glory to You, who are playful and graceful! Glory, glory to You, O Nanda's son, who charm the hearts of all!

38. "In the Kalī-yuga You have now entered Śacī's womb. You have come here to enjoy pastimes.

39. "Glory, glory to You, O Supreme Lord, O giver of transcendental bliss. No one is compassionate like You.

40. "In the Kalī-yuga You come and gives Yourself. You do not consider whether the people are worthy or not to receive Your mercy.

41. "Even though again and again we begged for it, we demigods could not attain even the slightest fragrance of ecstatic spiritual love.

42. "Now You will give the sweet nectar of that love to everyone, even the cāṇḍālas. They will all taste it.

You will not see anyone has any faults.

43. "O Lord, please allow us to taste a small particle of that love. Please allow us to sing Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa's glories in Your company.

44. "Glory, glory to You, O Śrī Gaura-Hari, O Lord who gives the gift of saṅkīrtana!" After speaking these words, the demigods all performed circumambulation.

45. With his four mouths the demigod Brahmā spoke many prayers. Śacī-devī was frightened. Her heart was full of wonder.

46. Mercy to all living entities made its appearance in Śacī's heart. Aware of the spiritual truth, she was kind to everyone. She did not think anyone an outsider.

47. Now she was ten month pregnant. Wherever she went, her heart was full of bliss. She forgot herself in bliss.

48. During the month of Phālguna, on anauspicious day, on an auspicious tithi, on an auspicious full-moon night, at an auspicious moment, the cooling moon shone.

49. Then, with surprising power, Rāghu suddenly devoured the moon. At that moment a great cry of "Hari! Hari!" rose in the four directions.

50. A sweet divine fragrance filled with four directions. Then ten directions became clear and blissful. A gentle, gentle breeze blew.

51. Then the si ϕ seasons appeared simultaneously. At that auspicious moment the Supreme Personality of Godhead was born on the earth.

52. Yearning to see Lord Gaura's form, the demigods flew their airplanes through outer space.

53. At that time "Hari! Hari!" was the only sound anyone heard. In this way my Lord took birth.

54. At the time the glory of Vaikuṇṭha entered Śacī's courtyard. Overcome with bliss, Śacī called out in a voice choked with emotion.

55. To Jagannātha Miśra, who was near at hand, she called: "Now our births have borne their fruit. Look

at your son's face!"

56. The village ladies happily called out, "Jaya! Jaya!"
Seeing the newborn infant, everyone was overcome
with bliss.

57. The demigods, Vedas, and Nāga girls all came.
Seeing Lord Gaurāṅga, they all called out, "Jaya!
Jaya!"

58. Lord Gaura's fragrance filled the worlds. His
every limb was an endless flood of nectar.

59. Gazing and gazing at Him, every eye felt cooling
bliss. In every heart arose the thought: "This boy
must be Lord Kṛṣṇa, the very life of Vraja's girls.

60. "Never have I seen or heard of such a boy. What
happens to my heart when I gaze at Him?

61. "Never have I seen any person like Him." A
beautiful demigoddess said: "Later we will know the
truth of this boy."

62. Overcome, Jagannātha Miśra gazed at his son's
face. The universe had no power to contain the bliss
he felt in his heart.

63. How many rising moons do I see in His face? I
say His face is like the petal of a blooming lotus.

64. His raised nose is like a sesame flower, I think.

His fair limbs are like a flood of nectar light.

65. Gazing at His red lips, splendid graceful cheeks, and graceful chin, I feel great love arise within me.

66. His neck is like a lion's neck. His shoulders are like an elephant's shoulders. His chest is broad. His arms reach to His knees. His body is made of nectar.

67. His hips are broad. His thighs are like banana trees. His feet are like two red lotus petals.

68-69. On his soles are the marks of a flag, thunderbolt, elephant goad, lotus, chariot, parasol, cāmara, svastika, jambu fruit, ūrdhva-rekhā, triangle, elephant, and waterpot. No form is like His. His form is the sweetest nectar.

70. Never had such a wonderful form come to the earth. His glory is more than the glory of the greatest kings of kings.

71. Indra and Candra, as well as many devas, gandharvas, and kinnaras all came then to the earth. Why did they become filled with such bliss and wonder?

72. Every eye became anointed with nectar. With eternal love everyone gazed at dear Lord Gaura.

73. How long did the people gaze at the newborn infant, gaze at Him as if He were a very old friend?

74. His every limb was a great flood of nectar. In their hearts what did the people feel as they gazed at Him with their eyes?

75. As they gazed at the infant boy, the people felt their hearts tremble with bliss. Why did the ladies look at Him with languid eyes? Why did their tight belts become slackened?

76-77. Everyone gazed at the newborn infant. Thinking, How many Kāmadevas does this boy conquer?", everyone called out, "Jaya! Jaya! Śacī's divine son is not a mortal.

78. "Śacī's son is the new Kāmadeva." When this nectar comes to my ears, I weep.

79. "The master of Goloka has descended to this world." Considering everything, the ladies came to this conclusion.

80. The master of all the worlds came to the earth. Overcome with bliss, Locana dāsa speaks these words.

Song 2 (Maṅgala-gurjari rāga)

Refrain: Jagannātha Miśra was overcome. His words were choked with emotion. Quickly he invited his kinsmen and performed a great festival for his son. He earnestly tried to make everything auspicious. Bliss filled Śacī's house. No one had the power to stop singing Lord Gaura's glories.

81. Glory! Glory! Glory! The four directions were filled with bliss. The whole city melted with bliss. Hundreds and hundreds of saintly ladies came. They brought gifts of rice paste and red sindūra.
82. With love and bliss placing her son on her lap, in a voice choked with emotion Śacī-devī said: "Please give us the dust of your feet. Please give us your blessings. Bless us, saying, 'May this child live long. "

83. Saying, "Even though He is not our child, we still think of Him as our very own", all the ladies gave their blessings. Saying, "To protect His sweeter than

nectar body from any calamity, He should be named
Nimāi," they named Him.

84. On the eighth day aṣṭa-kalāī gifts were given to
please the children. On the ninth night was a
blissful festival with joyful music.

85. Day by day Śacī's son grew. He was like a full
moon walking on the earth. His two eyes were
splendid with black kajjala. He was graceful with
gorocanā tilaka.

86. He crawled on His hands and knees. He smiled
gently. With unblinking eyes, Śacī and Jagannātha
watched their wonderful son.

87. Śacī regularly washed her son's body and
anointed it with turmeric and scented oil. Her heart
filled with love, she kissed His cheeks. Saintly Śacī
was very fortunate.

88. Day by day, moment by moment, the bliss grew
in the Nadīyā's villages. No one knew what day of
the month it was, or what day of the week, or
whether it was day or night. Overcome with ecstatic
spiritual love, people forgot themselves.

89. House after house in Nadīyā's villages became
filled with bliss. No one was mindful of who was a

man, who was a woman, or who was a child, an elder, or blind. Everyone was overcome with love.

Everyone was wild with peerless bliss.

90. Thinking Lord Gaura's face was like a full moon and His form had conquered Kāmadeva, the young girls would wildly leave their duties at their homes.

91. Three times a day the village girls ran to see the infant Lord Gaura. "let me see! Let me see!", they said. Playcing the infant Lord on their laps, the hairs of their bodoes would stand erect.

92. In this way, day by day, moment by moment, everyone was full of bliss. Locana dāsa, whose only hope and only desire is the feet of Śrī Naraharī dāsa, thus sings the glories of Lord Gaura.

Bālyā-līla‘

Bālyā (Ages 1-5) Pastimes

Song 3 (Sindhudā rāga)

93. Day by day Śacī's son grew. To Śacī He was like a shower of nectar.

94. To what shall I compare Him? I will not compare Him to anything. I have no power to do it. Still, my restless heart says: "I will give a comparison."

95. His face was like an eternally full moon. Even persons blind from birth would run to see Him.

96. On His lips a half smile rested. He was like waves in an ocean of nectar.

97. His reddish eyes were flooded with nectar. The nectar black kajjala decorating them were dams build to keep that flood of nectar from overflowing.

98. Saintly Śacī and fortunate Jagannātha lovingly gazed at their son's face.

99. One moment He laughed. Another moment He cried. Another moment He wanted something. Another moment He sat on Śacī's lap. Another moment He rode on a swing.

100. Keeping His feet on Śacī's breasts, like a golden vine moving in the wind He swung back and forth.

101. His eyes were very long. His loud laughter was charming. On His lips flowed a stream of nectar.

102. His nose was charming like a parrot's beak. His symmetrical cheeks were effulgent.

103. One, two, three, four, five, and si \varnothing months passed. Then came the day of the nāma-karaṇa (name-giving) ceremony and anna-prāśana (first-grain) ceremony.

104. Jagannātha Miśra performed a great festival for his son. With many ornaments he decorated his son's golden body.

105. Lord Gaura wore bracelets on His hands, armlets on His arms, a pearl necklace on Hi \varnothing neck, a golden belt on His waist, and anklets on His feet.

106. His palms and soles were anointed with red hiṅgula. His lips were like a bāndhulī flower. His eyes were like red lotus flowers.

107. His fair limbs seemed washed with lightning. His limbs are so effulgent I have no power even to look at them.

108. He was given the name "Viśvambhara", which means "the maintainer of the worlds". The learned followers of Goddess Sarasvatī say this word is a name of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

109. On moment, holding His mother's and father's hands, He took two unsteady steps and then fell.

110. He made a child's experiment in a few half-spoken syllables. His broken words were like nectar waves in an ocean agitated by the moon's rising.

111. Day after day He walked in the courtyard. To the world He brought a soothing coolness. He destroyed the world's feverish sufferings.

112. His feet worshiped by Goddess Laxmī now rest in the earth's lap. Filled with love, the earth goddess now forgets herself.

113. In the sky one moon shines, but on the earth ten moons now shine. Because of their light even the blind now have eyes.

114. Those ten moons are Lord Gaura's fingertips. Seeing them, the blind-hearted sinners have become fortunate.

115. Of how many millions of moons is Lord Gaura's face-moon the king? Offering them his bow, Kāmadeva worships Lord Gaura's eyebrows.

116. What more can I say? The moon of Lord Gaura's mercy cuts the darkness in the heart into pieces. That darkness has no power to resist.

117. Who has the power to describe Lord Gaura's childhood pastimes? Although they seem like the actions of an ordinary child, they purify the whole earth.

118. In a short time Lord Gaura's saintly elder brother, Viśvarūpa, became learned in all the scriptures.

119. Who has the power to describe His glories? His younger brother is Viśvambhara, Lord Mahāprabhu.

120. Day by day Lord Gaura manifested His mercy. Hearing of it, Locana dāsa feels his heart become filled with bliss.

Song 4 (Varāḍi rāga)

Refrain: "O moon! Moon, moon up in the sky. Come down. I'll wash away your spots and make you a wonderful ornament on Gaura's cheeks.

"O! O! O, my golden son Nimāi! You cry a great

complaint. One thing You demand. Your demands
are sweeter than nectar.

121. "Nimāi's father will come with bananas and
milk. Look, father will come. O bad boy, stop
complaining. Close Your eyes.

122. "O boy whose face is a golden lotus, O boy
whose eyes are red lotuses, O boy whose half-closed
eyes are glistening stars. Your eyes are two black
bees swimming in an ocean of sweet honey."

123. After preparing the soft bed with cotton quilts,
Śacī, holding her son in her arms, lay on her side
and slept.

124. From one breast He drank with His mouth
while the other He grasped with His fingers. Locana
dāsa says: The crest jewel of all the demigods acted
like a small boy.

Song 5 (Dhanaśī rāga)

Refrain: O! O! O! O! O! O! O! Please hear these

songs of Lord Gaura's glorious, songs full of wonderful stories, songs full of holy names auspicious for the ears!

125. Please carefully hear another story, a story of what happened on another day, a story of how Lord Gaura revealed His true identity.

126. In one room was Jagannātha Miśra, and in another room Śacī, her son in her arms, happily slept.

127. How many soldiers filled the empty room? Seeing them, Śacī was frightened.

128. From Śacī's arms these demigods took Lord Gaura. They placed Him on a jewel throne.

129. They performed an abhiṣek and various kinds of worship. Then they circumambulated Lord Gaura, fell down before Him, and grasped His feet.

130. Again and again they sounded bells and conchshells. They made a great sound of "Jaya! Jaya Hari!

131. "Glory, Glory to the master of the worlds, the protector of the devotees! In Kalī-yuga You have

come to rescue people like us.

132. "Please give us the nectar treasure of Vṛndāvana. O Lord Viśvambhara, this we beg at Your feet.

133. Again and again Śacī watched all this. She was shocked. "Son! Son!" She called. She was very afraid.

134. She was not afraid for herslef, but only for her son, who was her very life. She grabbed the boy and took Him to Jagannātha Miśra.

135. She said: "There are no demigods in the room where Your father sleeps. Go there and happily sleep in his arms."

136. On His mother's words, Viśvambhara went there. Although He wore no anklets, Śacī heard the tinkling of anklets as He walked.

137. When Lord Gaura, the creat jewel of the demigods, left the room, all the demigods followed Him with folded hands.

138. Then Lord Gaura said: "Don't stare at Me, O demigods. Sing the pastimes of Śrī Śrī Rādhā' and Kṛṣṇa." That He said to them.

139. Gathering the demigods together, He made

them sing about ecstatic love for Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa. Touching them, Lord Gauracandra filled them with bliss.

140. He wept and He made the demigods weep also. In the courtyard Lord Gaura called out: "Rādhā! Rādhā! Govinda!"

141. He called,out: "Kālīndī! Yamunā! Vṛndāvana!" Then the demigods very joyfully called out: "Rādhā! Rādhā!"

142. Watching her son's pastimes, Mother Śacī fell unconscious. Hearing all the noise, Jagannātha Miśra became agitated.

143. Jagannātha Miśra called out: "Śacī! What's that noise I hear?" Frightened Śacī screamed.

144. Jagannātha ran outside. His son hugged both father and mother. Then, seeing his son's feet had no anklets, Jagannātha forgot herself.

145. At that moment Lord Kṛṣṇa's pastimes came into his thoughts. Then Śacī described what she had seen.

146. She said: "Brahmā, Śiva, and other demigods came here on celestial airplanes and served our son.

147. "Our son sang 'Rādhā! Kṛṣṇa!' while the demigods danced in our courtyard. I heard all this. I think it was like a dream.

148. "Seeing all this, I became afraid. Then I sent Him to you. His feet had no anklets. Still, I heard the tinkling of anklets as He walked.

149. "Our boy has such a glorious form. I don't know what I should do.

150. "Seven of our daughters have died. If this boy leaves us I will not live any longer.

151. "I don't have five or seven children. Nīmāī is the star of my eye. As a walking stick is a blind man's greatest treasure, He is my greatest treasure.

152. "As the body cannot live without the precious soul, so I cannot live without my Gauracandra.

153. "Please think of some way to protect Him from dangers, some way where the demigods, from first to last, all bring auspiciousness to Him."

154. In this way the night passed. Then the sun rose. Śacī's son then went to play with the other boys.

155. For some moments rolling on the ground in the courtyard, He was covered with dust. Seeing this, unhappy Śacī said:

156. "Your glorious body is like a golden statue. I cannot compare it to anything. It is like the moon in the sky.

157. "Why do You roll Your beautiful body in the dust? That is like biting Your mother's head."

158. After saying these words, Śacī washed the dust away and then kissed her son's face. The hairs of her body stood erect. Her eyes were red.

159. On another day Śacī's son went wandering with the other boys His age.

160. Under a tree by the Gaṅgā's bank they played like monkeys. They stood on one foot.

161. Hearing of this, Śacī went to the Gaṅgā's bank to get Lord Gaura-Hari.

162. With one knee up and the other knee down, He stood on one foot. Seeing this, Mother Śacī loudly called to Him.

163. Seeing His mother, Lord Gaura fled. Like a maddened elephant He ran.

164. "Catch Him! Catch Him!", Śacī called. My Lord, the jewel of the brāhmaṇas, continued to run.

165. Śacī pursued, but could not catch Him. Lord

Gaura ran home.

166. Once home, He grabbed every pot and every vessel. He threw and broke every one.

167. She rested her finger on the side of her nose, Śacī wanted to punish Him. Lord Viśvambhara bowed His head in shame.

168. His whole body trembled in shame. As He bowed His head, tears streamed from His eyes.

169. His face was like the moon. His eyes were like restless khañjana birds. His tears were like strings of pearls.

170. Gazing at Lord Gaura's face, Śacī became filled with love. Hugging Him, she said, "My bad boy."

171. Holding Him in her arms, Śacī said: "I must wash you of all these things from the house."

172. In this way Lord Gaura-Harī enjoyed many pastimes. Śacī had no power to understand her son's mind.

173. The shoreless ocean of His pastimes is beyond the knowing the Vedas or of the world. Śacī had no power to understand His wild arrogance.

174. She knew her son Niṁāī was very restless and mischievous. With an unhappy heart she meditated

on the Supreme Lord.

175. One day, meeting with the other women, she placed before them a question and a request.
176. She said: "My son is very frivolous. He acts whimsically. He does not use His intelligence.
177. "He does one thing and says another. I have no power to understand Him. He does not consider whether His actions are pure."
178. "Hearing this, the ladies sadly wept. Meeting Lord Gauracandra, they hugged him and said:
179. "Why, why, O child, do You act so badly?" Hearing these words, Lord Gaura became very restless and mischievous.
180. Seeing this, the ladies became sad at heart. They at once saw what Śacī had described.
181. The ladies asked, "When did He start to act like this?" Śacī said: "I don't know what to say.
182. "One night, as I held my son in my arms, all the demigods entered my room.
183. "They placed my Nimāī on a throne. Falling like sticks, they bowed down before Him.
184. "Rising from sleep, I saw all these wonders.

From that time my son has been very independent."

185. Hearing this, everyone truthfully said: "We think one of those demigods has entered His body.

186. "Assembling all the brāhmaṇas, Jagannātha Miśra should perform a yajñā where all the demigods are called by name.

187. "In the part of the yajñā where blessings are asked, he should ask blessings for his son. When the demigods are worshiped in this way, the demigod that now haunts your son will leave and return to his home.

188. "Śacī, don't worry. This we say for certain: If you worship the demigods you will become fearless."

189. Taking the dust from their feet, Śacī bid farewell to the ladies. Then she approached Jagannātha Miśra and told him all that had happened.

190. Hearing all this, Jagannātha Miśra became worried. Calling all the brāhmaṇas, he performed the yajñā.

191. Then Śacī took Lord Gauracandra for a bath in the Gaṅgā. She thought: "Now His mischievousness is ended."

192. Lord Viśvambhara went ahead and Śacī followed. She watched and watched as the Lord went to an unclean place.

193. He touched some rejected pots, and then continued on. Seeing this, Mother Śacī said: "Alas! Alas!

194. "Now my son is even more mischievous. He stays far away from good deeds."

195. Then she angrily called to Him: "Bad! Bad!" Hearing her words, Lord Viśvambhara compassionately said:

196. "What is pure and impure? What is religious and not religious? Not knowing the answers to these questions, the whole world is on the verge of destruction.

197. This material world is made of earth, water, air, fire, ether, and form. Here is nothing else.

198. There is no religion but Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet. The heart of religion says: Lord Kṛṣṇa is the master of all masters of all masters."

199. Hearing these words, Śacī became filled with wonder. Taking Lord Gaurāṅga with her, she

bathed in the Gaṅgā.

200. Returning home, she said to Jagannātha Miśra:
"O saintly one, please hear what our boy has done.
201. "Our son is all yajñas personified. He knows the
conclusion of religion. He alone, and no one else,
knows it.

202. "He went to an unclean place and then He
spoke words I never saw or heard a child speak.

203. Hearing these words, Jagannātha Miśra hugged
his son. He said: "Maybe You touched an unclean
place, but all is good now.

204. "You are the lamp of my family, the star of my
eye. As the body cannot live without the soul, so I
cannot live without You."

205. When these words were spoken, Śacī and
Jagannātha Miśra both gazed at their son's face.
Overcome with love, they forgot themselves.

206. A hundred streams of tears flowed from their
reddened eyes. The hairs of their bodies stood erect.
They spoken with broken words.

207. Smiles were born on both their faces. Locana
dāsa thus happily sings thr glories of Lord Gaura.

Song 6 (Śrīrāga-Disā)

Refrain: Glory, glory to Lord Gaurāṅga! Glory, glory
to Lord Gaurāṅga! Alas! Why do I not taste the
nectar bliss of love for Lord Gaurāṅga?

208. Day by day, moment by moment, Lord Gaura's
body grew. He became like Mount Sumeru.

209. His sweet words were like flooding streams of
nectar. Hearing them, Mother Śacī felt her heart
become filled with wonderful bliss.

210. Sometimes she would tell Him something, and
Lord Gaura would reply: "I can't hear your words."

211. Then She would playfully shout the words. Still,
forest-flower-garlanded Lord Gaura only said: "I
can't hear."

212. Mother Śacī was completely overcome with a
mother's love. Wild with anger, she picked up a stick
as if to chase Him.

213. "Proud boy! You cannot hear me?", she called

out. "When I am old You will not give me even a grain of rice."

214. In this way she spoke. Śacī's son still insisted: "I cannot hear My mother's words."

215. Then Śacī became very angry. One glance was enough. Lord Gaura fled. Stick in hand, Śacī chased Him.

216. Lord Gaura ran to an unclean place where rejected clay pots were thrown.

217. Seeing this, Mother Śacī put her hand to her head. "Ha! Ha!", she angrily said.

218. Now she was even more angry at Lord Viśvambhara. To the top of the heap of rejected pots He climbed.

219. Hearing her angry words, He did the exact opposite. Realizing this, Śacī happily and affectionately said:

220. "Come. Come, dear son. Give up these horrible acts. It is not right. You should follow a brāhmaṇa's dharma.

221. "You are a brāhmaṇa's boy. You were born in a very good family. What will the people say when they hear about Your horrible acts?

222. "Come. Come, dear son. Bathe in the Gaṅgā's waters. Your mother's life is cracking. Come and give me a hug.

223. "If You don't, I will die. I will jump in the Gaṅgā and drown. Then You'll only stay at home, walk from room to room, and cry and cry.

224. "Your body is like the purest gold. Why do You rub ashes on Your beautiful body?

225. "My dear boy, please leave this horrible unclean place. The ashes on Your body are like the spots on the moon."

226. Hearing these words, Lord Viśvambhara became angry. Again and again He said: "You don't understand.

227. "When you speak the words `clean and `unclean you are not speaking very intelligently. What is clean? What is unclean? Try to understand My questions."

228. After speaking these words, Lord Gaura picked up a piece of brick in His hand. With the brick He struck His mother's head.

229. With that blow Mother Śacī pretended to fall

unconscious. Calling out, "Mother! Mother!", Lord Gaura wept again and again.

230. Hearing the Lord's weeping, the village ladies ran there.

231. They sprinkled Gaṅgā water on Śacī's face. She became conscious again. As soon as she became conscious, she called out, "Viśvambhara!"

232. Holding her son in her arms, Śacī again fell unconscious.

233. Looking at His mother, Viśvambhara wept. Then a smiling glorious woman spoke to Him.

234. Touching His chin, she said to Viśvambhara: "Bring two coconuts for Your mother.

235. "Then You will bring her back to life. Hear my words. If You do not, she will die."

236. Hearing this, Lord Viśvambhara became happy. In a moment He returned with two coconuts.

237. In a moment He affectionately gave the two coconuts to His mother.

238. Seeing this, the ladies were astonished. "From where did the boy get two coconuts in a single moment?

239. Then one very glorious and graceful lady gently

gently asked Lord Viśvambhara:

240. "Child, from where did You get the coconuts?
From Your actions I can know a little of Your true
nature."

241. Hearing these words, Lord Viśvambhara cried
out and hugged His mother's neck.

242. Returning to consciousness, Śacī hugged her
son. Millions and millions of times she kissed His
lotus face.

243. With the edge of her garment she wiped His
face and limbs. Then she bathed His body in the
Gaṅgā's waters.

244. Bathing Him, she performed an abhiṣeka with
the Gaṅgā's waters. Her heart filled with wonder,
she gazed at her son's face.

245. He was deep like the ocean. He glistened like
ten million suns. His ten fingernails and ten
toenails were more glorious than ten million moons
lighting up the night.

246. His graceful form defeated ten million
Kāmadevas. His playful curved eyebrows were bows
held by the archer Kāmadeva.

247. Gazing at her son, who is the master of all the worlds, the Supreme Lord now manifest on the earth, Mother Śacī felt fear in her heart.

248. She remembered the secret of how when she was pregnant she saw many demigods arrive in their airplanes.

249. Then she remembered her son's other activities.

250-253. She decided: "The effulgent, eternal, untouched by matter Supreme Lord Nārāyaṇa, whose form is not material, who is everything, who possesses all powers, who is self-satisfied, who is the peerless object of the yogī kings meditations, and who is worshiped by everyone has now become my

son. Brahmā, Śiva, and all the demigods do not know how fortunate I have become." Thinking and thinking in this way, she hugged Lord Gaura Rāya.

254. Hugging Him, Śacī-devī forgot all thoughts of Lord Gaura-Hari's supreme power and opulence. Again she became convinced that He was only her small son.

255. Filled with wonder, Śacī returned home. "What demigod has entered my son?"

256. In this way she worried. To protect Him, she placed her hand on His body. She chanted: "O Lord Janārdana, Lord Hṛṣīkeśa, Lord Govinda."

257. "May the Sudarśana-cakra protect Your head. May Lord Nārāyaṇa protect Your eyes, nose, and mouth.

258. "May Lord Gadādhara protect Your chest. May Lord Giridhārī protect Your arms.

259. "May Lord Dāmodara protect Your belly. May Lord Nṛsiṁha protect Your navel.

260. "May Lord Trivikrama protect Your two knees. May Lord Dharādhara protect Your two feet."

261. Then Mother Śacī blew air on every part of Lord Gaura's body. She was completely convinced that Lord Gaura was her son.

262. In this way a blissful day passed. Then an auspicious sunset came.

263. Śacī gave the servants and maidservants their sunset duties. Then, taking Lord Gaura-Harī with her, she went to the courtyard.

264. After the sun set a full moon rose in the sky.

265. Then Lord Gaura, who knows everything,

acted as if He were a foolish child. "Mother!
Mother!", He called out.

266. Śacī said: "Don't cry at sunset. Hear my words.
Whatever You want I will give You."

267. Then Lord Gaura said: "Bring the moon down
here and give it to Me." Laughing and laughing, Śacī
said: "Ha! You don't understand.

268. "Alas! Alas, that such a son is in my house.
Who has the power to grasp the moon in the sky?"

269. Then the Lord said: "You said You would give
whatever I wanted. Why did you say that?

270. "My heart wants the moon." Speaking these
words, Lord Gaura loudly cried.

271. Grasping His mother's sash, He wept and spoke
many different demands. He stomped His feet. He
rubbed His eyes.

272. Clinging to mother's neck, Lord Gaura Rāya
wept. He wanted to play with the moon in the sky.

273. One moment he made His demand. The next
moment He rolled on the ground. Then He pulled
His mother's hair. His body was covered with dust.

With His hand He struck His own head.

274. Seeing all this, Mother Śacī said: "Son, You

don't understand. I am very surprised to see what You have done.

275. "Who has the power to grasp the moon up in the sky? How many moons now shine on Your own body?

276. "Look. As he watches You, the moon has become ashamed. That is why it is dark now. The moon is ashamed to appear before You.

277. "Aware that You are present, the moon of Navadvīpa is not manifest. Ashamed, he hides behind the clouds.

278. "He is afraid that You are now in Navadvīpa. Please hear my words. Don't cry, dear child. You are my very life."

279. Speaking these words, Śacī hugged and kissed her son. She gazed at His face. Filled with ecstatic spiritual love, she forgot herself.

280. In this way Śacī was overcome with bliss. Alas! Alas! I did not see Lord Gaura's childhood pastimes.

281. Her heart overcome with bliss, Śacī spoke broken words. In this way Locana dāsa joyfully sings Lord Gaura's glories.

Song 7 (Dhanasī rāga-Madhya-chanda)

Refrain: Glory, glory, glory to Śaci's son! He is the youthful root of all bliss. Accompanied by a host of other boys, He happily played. In this way He enjoyed His childhood pastimes.

282. With many playful boys He played many games.
With many boys He enjoyed childhood pastimes,
blissful and wonderful pastimes.

283. Playing and playing, He suddenly met two or four puppies. Very happy, Lord Gaura-Harī chose one of them.

284. Then one of His companions said: "Listen Viśvambhara. You chose the best puppy and left the ugly ones for us. You go home. We won't play with You."

285. Then Lord Viśvambhara said: "This puppy belongs to all of us. Come to My house and We'll all play with him."

286. Speaking these words, and taking the puppy with Him, Lord Gaura went to His house. Arriving home, He put a rope around the puppy's neck and tied him to the veranda.

287. All this time Lord Viśvambhara's mother was busy with household chores. Then, accompanied by the village ladies, she went to bathe in the Gaṅgā.

288. Now the house now empty. Accompaniaed by the boys, Lord Viśvambhara played many games with the puppy. They all became covered with dust.
289. As they played and played, a quarrel was born among the boys. One boy praised Lord Gaura-Hari, and another boy rebuked Him.

290. Lord Gaura said: "Every day you come, and every day you pick a fight. Why do you act like that?" The other boy said: "I know what You're like. You stole the puppy."

291. Angry at heart, that boy ran off. Meeting Mother Śacī, with a voice choked with anger he called out:

292. "Listen! Listen! Your Viśvambhara has a pet puppy. One moment He hugs the puppy. The next

moment He holds the puppy's neck. Go and see for yourself."

293. Hearing the boy's words, Śacī hurried home.

She saw the puppy in Lord Viśvambhara's lap,

294. Putting her hand to her head, Mother Śacī said:

"Why do You play like this? I do not know. There are so many ways You could play. Still You play with a puppy. You are very mischievous.

295. "Your father is very religious. You are his son. What will the people say? What happiness do You think You will find by playing with a puppy?

296. "You are a brāhmaṇa's son, but You do not even slightly act like one. What good words will I speak to defend You? Ah, the words I will hear will be like an iron spear pushed into my heart.

297. "What happiness do You find by covering Your beautiful form with dust? I bow my head to speak such words. I feel that flames burn in my mouth.

298. "How many moons does Your face defeat? Your limbs are like lightning. You do not wear nice garments. Instead You cover Your limbs with dust and stay among low-class boys."

299. Angrily pressing her teeth to her lip, Śacī-devī

rebuked all the boys. To Lord Gaura she said: "Go to Your room and take Your puppy with You. You can renounce Your mother and father."

300. After speaking these words, she looked at her son's face. She was overcome with bliss. Then she said: "Come. Dear one, come and sit in my lap. Be quiet. I will kiss Your face.

301. "Leave Your dog, O dear one, and bathe in the Gaṅgā's waters. SiṄ hours of the day have already passed. And You are not hungry? How much trouble do You give to me?

302. "Tie up your puppy, and go take Your bath. Later You can play with Your puppy. Now You should eat some lunch."

303. As a golden lotus wilts in the hot sunshine, so Lord Gaura's face wilted. On the tip of His nose a drop of perspiration awakened. Gazing at her son, Śacī felt her life breath split apart.

304. Hearing Mother Śacī's words, Lord Viśvambhara smiled and said: "I will go to bathe."

305. Speaking these words, the Lord hugged His mother's neck and prepared for His bath. Wiping

the dust from His face, Mother Śacī anointed the Lord's limbs with scented oil.

306. For His bath Lord Viśvambhara went to the Gaṅgā's bank. He happily palyed with His friends in the Gaṅgā's waters.

307. Lord Viśvambhara's form was wonderful and immovable like Mount Sumeru. As a wild elephant plays in the water with its companions, so Lord Viśvambhara played in the water with His friends.

308. Meanwhile Śacī-devī set the puppy free. She said: "I do not know where the puppy went. Perhaps the puppy ran to his own mother."

309. One of the boys was there at that time. He ran to the Gaṅgā's bank and said: "Viśvambhara, Your mother set the puppy free."

310. Hearing the boy's words, the Lord ran home. He saw that the puppy was gone.

311. He looked in the four directions. He did not see the puppy. His heart burned with flames of anger. He wept. He rebuked His mother. He was overcome with grief for His puppy.

312. He said: "Listen, O foolish mother. Why did you do that? You gave Me great suffering. That puppy

was very beautiful. Why did you do that?"

313. Śacī said: "I did not know what happened to Your puppy. Perhaps some boys came and stole him.

314. "Why must You cry for a puppy? Tomorrow I will search in forest after forest. I will find Your puppy and bring him back.

315. "Don't lament. Stop Your lament. I will bring back Your puppy. I promise. Don't weep. Please don't weep anymore."

316. After speaking these words, she wiped the tears from her son's face and hugged Him. Gazing at His face, she became filled with bliss. She kissed Him millions and millions of times.

317. She wiped His limbs, pretending to make Him a little more clean, and then she bathed Him with the Gaṅgā's waters. Then she fed Him many delicious sandeśa, modaka, kṣīra, and kadalaka candies.

318. She tied His hair in a topknot and she decorated His eyes with splendid black kajjala. She made Him completely splendid.

319. Around His waist she tied a red sash that hung to His toes. On His chest she rested a string of

pearls. On His forehead she placed sandal tilaka.
320. She decorated Him with bracelets and armlets
of priceless jewels. On His feet she placed anklets.
Grasping kṣīra and lāḍu candies in His hands, He
went to play with the boys.

321. His graceful walking defeated the graceful wild
elephants. His voice was like thick honey.

Surrounded by the boys, Lord Gaura, the king of the
brāhmaṇas, was like a moon surrounded by stars.

322. Gazing at the Lord as He played, the demigods
all smiled. Seeing that Lord Gaura touched even
cats and dogs, Locana dāsa is filled with wonder.

Song 8

323. By Lord Gaurāṅga's touch a dog became
fortunate. Abandoning his dog's nature, he became
filled with transcendental knowledge.

324. Calling out, "Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa! Govinda!", the dog
danced. Everyone in Nadiyā ran to see him.

325. Everyone watched as the dog manifested signs

of ecstasy. The hairs of his body stood erect. His eyes were filled with tears.

326. That soul suddenly renounced his dog's body and went to Lord Kṛṣṇa's abode of Goloka.

327. A divine airplane suddenly arrived and took that soul on the path in the sky.

328. Decorated with jewels and pearls, that golden airplane glistened like a thousand-rayed sun.

329. Millions and millions of bells chimed. Hosts and hosts of karatālas sounded.

330. Hearing the sounds of the conchshells and the calls of "Jaya!" and "Hari!", the gandharvas and kinnaras sang the glories of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

331. The airplane was decorated with hosts of flags. It glistened like the circle of the sun.

332. In the middle of the airplane the handsome, splendid, charming newly-liberated soul sat on a jewel throne.

333. He was pleasant coolness defeated ten million moons. He chanted, "Rādha'-Kṛṣṇa! Gaurāṅga!"

334. A host of siddhas fanned him with cāmara whisks. In this way he traveled on the path to

Goloka.

335. Brahmā, Śiva, Sanaka, and a host of others stood before him with folded hands. Surrounding him on the airplane, they all sang the glories of Lord Gaurāṅga.

336. They sang: "Glory, glory to Śacī's son, who is an ocean of mercy! O Lord, why are You not merciful to us in this way?

337. "You delivered a dog, gave him a spiritual body, and took him to Goloka. Why will You not do the same for us?

338. "Glory, glory to Lord Gaura-Hari, the shelter of the shelterless! Glory, glory to Him, the best of all avatāras!

339. "By Your mercy the souls who live in Kalī-yuga will be delivered. What other wonderful pastimes will You manifest?

340. "When will we demigods become fortunate?

When will we attain the mercy of Your feet?

341. "By touching him, You delivered a dog. Even when You were Lord Kṛṣṇa You were not kind in this way.

342. "When will we become fortunate? You gave

perfection to a dog. We pray that we may become fortunate like him.

343. "Obeisances, obeisances to You, O Lord Gaura Rāya, whom only the pure and faultless may see! Obeisances, obeisances to Your two graceful feet!

344. "We demigods are all the Lord's followers and servants. When will we attain Lord Gauracandra's feet?"

345. In this way that very fortunate soul went to Goloka, and the great devotees sang the glories of lord Gaurāṅga.

346. In this way very wonderful pastimes of Lord Gauracandra were manifest. With great joy Locana dāsa describes them.

Song 9

347. One day Śacī-devī in her heart decided to follow a vow of worshiping Goddess Saṣṭhī. Accompanied by the village ladies, she observed

that vow under a banyan tree.

348. She prepared nice offerings of food, covered them with the edge of her garment, she happily carried them to the banyan tree.

349. At that moment Lord Viśvambhara Rāya was playing and playing on the path. Seeing His mother, He ran to her and asked: "What do You carry in Your hands?"

350. Extending His arms, He blocked the path. He wanted to stop His mother. "What is it? What offering do you carry? I want it." He demanded.

351. She said: "I carry food offerings to worship the demigods. I am going to a banyan tree to worship Goddess Sasthī. Now You go and play.

352. "Listen, dear son. Later I will come back and give You sandeśa and banana. Now I will worship the goddess. I will ask a boon from her. With her boon I will destroy all Your sufferings."

353. In this way she spoke. Aware of what was in His mother's heart, Śrī Viśvambhara gently spoke. Words like nectar came to His mouth.

354. He said: "Again and again I tell You, O foolish mother, that You do not understand. Great flames

burn in My stomach. I will eat the offering now."

355. Speaking these words, Lord Gaura-Hari grabbed the offering and pushed it into His mouth. Seeing this, Mother Sacī said: "Alas! Alas! Flames of suffering now burn in my heart.

356. "I have seen my Viśvambhara eat the sweets meant to be offered to the demigods, sweets made of honey and milk and ghee." Flames burned in Sacī's

heart. Tears of anger streamed from her eyes.

357. She said: "Foolish son, how many times have I tried to teach You? Still You do not honor the demigods! You are a brāhmaṇa's son. Still You act badly. Because of You I will die of suffering."

358. Hearing His mother's words, the jewel that is Lord Gaura became angry. Flames burned in His heart. He said: "You don't know anything. The words You speak to Me are nonsense.

359. "Listen, foolish mother. I know everything. I am the most exalted person in the three worlds. I Myself am the whole world. The three worlds are not something different from Me.

360. "As by watering a tree's root one waters all the

branches, and as by feeding the stomach one protects all the senses, so it is written of Me (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.31.14):

361. {.fn 2}yathā taror mūla-niṣecanena
tr̥pyantī yat-skandha-bhujopasākhāḥ
prāṇopahārāc ca yathendriyāṇāṁ
tathaiva sarvārhaṇam acyutejyā

{.sy 168} `As pouring water on the root of a tree energizes the trunk, branches, twigs, and everything else, and as supplying food to the stomach enlivens the senses and limbs of the body, simply worshiping the Supreme Personality of Godhead through devotional service automatically satisfies the demigods, who are parts of the Supreme Personality.

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362. After speaking these wise words, Lord Gaura-Harī hugged His mother's neck. Her heart filled with wonder, Śacī went to worship Goddess Saṣṭhī.
363. In many was she served Goddess Saṣṭhī. With a

voice choked with emotion she begged: "O goddess, my son is very mischievous. Please forgive His offenses.

364. "You gave Him to me. Why should you take His offenses seriously. Please give auspiciousness to my son. Please don't be angry with Him.

365. "I do not have five or seven sons. Niṁāī is my great treasure. Please be merciful to Him. Let no calamity befall Him. O goddess, this boy is yours.

366. After speaking these words, Śacī fell at the feet of the elder ladies. Humbly bowing before them, she begged: "Please give a blessing.

367. "Please give the dust of your feet so I may place it on my son's head. Then my very mischievous son will become sober and intelligent."

368. Placing a straw between her teeth, Śacī spoke these words. Worshiping the elder ladies feet, she prayed: "Please bless my son Viśvambhara that He will live a long life."

369. Thus completing her worship of Goddess Saṁsthī, Śacī-devi, holding her son's hand, returned home. Later to Jagannātha Miśra she revealed what

was in her heart.

370. What more can I say? Lord Gaura is the master of all the demigods. Manifest on the earth, He enjoyed many pastimes playing with a host of boys. Thus says Locana dāsa.

Song 10 (Varāḍī rāga-Dīrgha-chanda)

371. On another day Śacī's son was playing in the dust of the royal path. His body was like a golden mountain covered with dust. He was accompanied by His friends.

372. Child after child played in the dust. One moment they hurled insults at each other. They next moment, their bodies clothed only by the four directions, they fought in the battlefield of dust. They were all the same age. Assembled together, their hearts beat as one. Because of the great effort they put into their playing, they were covered with drops of perspiration.

373. Together they played and played. They would

hide, and then suddenly appear on the path. At that time, accompanied by his followers, a pāṇḍita learned in the path of jñāna walked down that path.

374. Gesturing with his hands and moving his head, he was explaining the yoga-śāstras. Seeing this, Lord Viśvambhara, imitating his words and gestures, followed behind him.

375. From the corner of his eye glancing at the Lord, the physician Murārī continued his explanation of yoga. To Lord Viśvambhara he spoke about yoga. He spoke as if his hand was stuck in his mouth.

376. Again and again Lord Gaura-Harī and the boys mocked him. Seeing that he was being mocked, the physician Murārī angrily said:

377. "Who says this boy is well-behaved? I see this is Jagannātha Miśra's son. Everywhere I have heard of His glories. His name is Nimāi."

378. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura-Hari, out of kindness to His followers, became angry. Knitting His eyebrows, eloquent Lord Gaura-Harī said: "When you take your meal I will teach you something.

379. Hearing these words, Murārī thought within his heart. His heart filled with wonder, he returned to his home. Absorbed in his household duties, he forgot what had happened. Then the time for his meal came.

380. Lord Viśvambhara-Harī clad Himself in opulent garments, tied a sash about His waist, tied His hair in a triple topknot, and placed about His neck a string of tulasi beads and another string of great pearls.

381. He anointed His eyes with black kajjala, tied His hair five times, and decorated His body with glistening golden ornaments. On His feet he placed anklets. Carrying kṣīra-lādus in His hands, Lord Viśvambhara walked.

382. He walked to Murārī Gupta's house. The king of physicians was taking his meal. With a voice like a thundering cloud the Lord compassionately called out: "Murāri!"

383. Hearing that sound, Murārī remembered what Lord Viśvambhara had said. His heart was filled with wonder. Asking, "What are you doing? What are you doing?" Lord Gaura-Harī approached.

384. He said: "Don't be frightened. It is only I. Continue with your meal." As Murārī ate, slowly slowly the Lord approached. Suddenly Lord Gaura passed urine, filling the plate.

385. "Ah! Ah! What, what are You doing?", Murārī cried as he jumped up. Clapping his hands, Lord Gaura chanted: "You walked away from the path of devotion. Waving your hands and moving your head, you talk about yoga."

386. "Give up karma and jñāna! With all your heart worship Lord Kṛṣṇa! Become learned in tasting the nectar of devotional service. Become filled with spiritual bliss. He who sees only matter cannot make progress in devotion. He is fool. His intelligence has no power to understand devotion.

387. "Lord Harī is supremely merciful. He has all powers. He is the father of all souls. From Him the eternal Brahman is manifest. He is the life's treasure of the gopīs. Why do you not dedicate your life to worshiping Him?"

388. Where did jewellike Lord Gaura go after He spoke those words? I have no power to say. All of a

sudden Murārī Gupta had no power to see Him. Again and again in his heart Murārī thought: "He is not different from the Lord! Śacī's son is the Supreme Lord Himself!"

389. Thinking in this way, Murārī Gupta hurriedly left his house. He had no power to walk on the regular path. His heart was overcome with bliss.

Somehow he arrived at Jagannātha Miśra's house.

390. Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra were caressing their son. To Him they said: "You are our nectar treasure.

Wherever we go, whatever sufferings we feel, we forget them all when we gaze at the moon of Your face."

391. Speaking these words, they both kissed His two cheeks. At the same moment they both hugged Him. At that moment Murārī Gupta arrived. Overcome with bliss, he did not speak a word.

392. Seeing him, Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra became alarmed. They at once stood up before their physician guest. Murārī did not say anything. He had forgotten everything. He only gazed at Lord Gauracandra's face.

393. From his head to his feet the hairs of his body

stood erect. Flooding streams of tears flowed from his eyes. His reddish eyes were filled with love. He spoke with broken words.

394. He fell like a stick before Lord Gaura's feet. Again and again he bowed down. Watching him, and acting as if He did not understand, Lord Gaura sat in His mother's lap.

395. Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra said: "Ah! What happened? What happened? We see you are like a demigod. Please bless our son. Did He do something very bad?

396. "O great sudra-muni, you teach the whole world. Diod our boy offend you? Let whatever is destined to happen to us happen, but let only goiod fall on our son. Saying, 'May He live long', please bless our son."

397. Speaking these words, Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra grasped Murāri's hand and humbly bowed down before him. Smiling, Murārī Gupta said: "Your son Viśvambhara is the master of the masters of the demigods.

398. "In the future you will know your son's true

identity. No one is fortunate like you. In your hearts remember my words: Your Viśvambhara is the Supreme Lord."

399. Saying these words, Murāri Gupta spoke no more. He quickly left. His heart filled with bliss from having seen Lord Gaura's feet, he went to Advaita Acārya's home.

400. Advaita Acārya is the abode of all transcendental virtues. He is the siksa-guru of all living entities. Humbly falling at the Acārya's feet, Murārī said: "To the devotees You are like a kalpa-vṛkṣa tree.

401. "I have seen a great wonder. Jagannātha Miśra's son Viśvambhara Niṁśī Paṇḍita, who plays like a child with other children, is the most exalted person in the world."

402. Hearing these words, Advaita Acārya, who sī the jewel of the brahmanas, made a great roaring sound. On every limb of His body the hairs stood erect. He said: "I will tell you the secret of secrets. He sī the Supreme Lord. His body is the goddess of fortune's resting place. He tastes the nectar of transcendental love."

403. When these words were spoken, the two of them made a great roraing sound. Overcome with bliss, They forgot everything. Only fools do not believe this story. The truth is that the master of all the worlds mercifully descnded to the earth. In this way Locana dāsa sings thr glories of Lord Gaura.

Song 11 (Bhāṭiyārī rāga-Diśā)

404. Hearing how He had filled the four directions with sounds of "Hari! Haribol!", Lord Gaura, the jewel of the brāhmaṇas, chanted "Jaya! Jaya!", clapped His hands, and danced.

405. Assembling all the boys, Lord Gaura made a game of chanting Lord Hari's holy names.

406. Surrounding Him on four sides, the boys chanted, "Hari! Hari!" Overcome with bliss, Lord Gaura rolled on the ground

407. With a voice like thundering clouds He called, "Chant! Chant!" Replying, "He has come! He has

come!", the boys embraced Him.

408. Touching Lord Gaura's graceful limbs, the boys forgot themselves. Overcome, they fell to the ground and wept.

409. From head to foot the hairs of the bodies stood erect. Flooding streams of tears flowed down their necks. Clapping their hands, the boys chanted,
"Hari! Hari!"

410. Surrounded on four sides by the boys, Lord Gaura was like a lion, or like a bumblebee madly flying in a nectar lotus flower.

411. At that moment two or four paṇḍitas came walking down the path and saw Lord Viśvambhara enjoying these pastimes.

412. Seeing the boys' wonderful pastimes, Lord Gaura placed forest-flower garlands around their necks.

413. Everyone clapped their hands and chanted "Hari! Hari!" Lord Gaura-Harī joyfully danced in their midst.

414. Forgetting themselves, the paṇḍitas joined the boys. They also clapped their hands and chanted
"Hari! Hari!"

415. Then some women carrying waterpots came on
the path and saw all these pastimes.

416. Hearing the chanting of "Hari! Hari!", the
women chanted "Jaya! Jaya!" Hearing all this
chanting, other people came to watch.

417. Hearing the chanting, Śacī suddenly came
there. She saw her son Nimāī and she also saw the
paṇḍitas.

418. Calling out, "Son! Son!", Śacī hugged Nimāī.
Seeing all the people, she spoke harsh words.

419. She said: "You paṇḍitas are all like this. You
turn others sons into madmen. You made them
dance like madmen."

420. Hearing her harsh words, in their hearts
everyopne thought: "Why does she speak like that?
Why?"

421. Taking her son with her, Śacī returned home.
Locana dāsa joyfully sings these songs glorifying
Lord Gaura.

Song 12 (Sindhudā rāga)

Refrain: A moon with no dark spots has risen in
Nadīyā.

422. Now I will describe a conversation of Murārī
Gupta and Dāmodara Paṇḍita.

423. Dāmodara Paṇḍita asked Murārī Gupta: I would
like to ask one question I have long considered in
my heart.

424. Dear Murārī Gupta, this question I ask you:
How did the Lord's brother, Viśvarūpa, leave home
and accept sannyāsa?

425. This question I respectfully ask about His
qualities and pastimes." With a happy heart Murārī
Gupta replied:

426. Please listen. Listen, O Dāmodara, O best of
the paṇḍitas, and I will tell whatever I know.

427. Viśvarūpa was Lord Viśvambhara's elder
brother. He was the abode of transcendental virtues.

How can I describe all His virtues and pastimes?

428. In a short time He became learned in all the
scriptures. He was devoted to duty and detached

from matter.

429. He was happy at heart. He was devoted to His spiritual master, the Supreme Lord, and the brāhmaṇas. He very affectionately served His mother and father.

430. He understood the conclusion of Vedānta. He knew the secret heart of all duties. He knew that no pious deed is separate from devotional service to Lord Viṣṇu.

431. He was loved by everyone. He was very perfect. In his heart lived renunciation, spiritual knowledge, spiritual faith, and true intelligence.

432. One day as, a book in his left hand, he conversed with a fellow student as they walked on the royal path, Jagannātha Miśra noticed Him.

433. Jagannātha Miśra thought: "My son is 16 years old. Now, in the prime of his youth, he should be married."

434. Father Jagannātha Miśra thought in his heart: "I should consider what girl will be suitable for Viśvarūpa."

435. Thinking and thinking, the brāhmaṇa

Jagannātha Miśra returned to his home. In his heart
he was thinking of Viśvarūpa's marriage.

436. At that moment the brāhmaṇa Viśvarūpa also
returned home. His father was surprised to see Him.
Viśvarūpa knew what was in His father's heart.

437. Glancing at him, the great brāhmaṇa Viśvarūpa
knew what His surprised father was planning.

438. In His heart Visvarupa thought: "He is thinking
how to arrange My marriage.

439. {sy 168ýIt is not right for Me to marry. But if I
don't marry, mother will be very unhappy."

440. As He thought of all this, night turned to
sunrise. Then, a book in His left hand, He left
home.

441. Saintly Viśvarūpa crossed the Gaṅgā and
accepted sannyāsa.

Song 13 (Paṭha-mañjarī rāga)

442. In their hearts Mother Śacī and Father
Jagannātha Miśra thought: "Nine hours have passed.

"Why has our son not returned?" Jagannātha Miśra searched for Him. He went to every house, but he did not find His son.

443. From person to person, from ear to ear, the news circulated: Viśvarūpa accepted sannyāsa. The news went to you and also to me. Finally hearing it himself, Father Jagannātha Miśra fell unconscious.

444. When Śacī-devī heard it, she also fell unconscious to the ground. For them a blinding darkness covered the three worlds. "Viśvarūpa!", Śacī called out. "Son, come back. We want to gaze on You. Why did You leave home and accept sannyāsa?

445. "Your limbs are so beautiful! Your feet are so beautiful! How can You travel on long journeys, walking on the roads? You cannot let even three hours pass without eating. Now You will not find even a single sesame seed. Before whom will You place Your requests now?

446. "Now that my son has gone there is no peace in my heart. Moment after moment I yearn for His return. When I go to bathe, I am not peaceful. I

think: My Viśvarūpa may return.

447. "When You call out, 'Mother!', that sound is more dear to me than millions and millions of treasures. When I gaze at Your face I forget myself. What sufferings did You feel that now You throw fire at my face, that now You have become a poverty-stricken sannyāsī? I do not know.

448. "O father of Viśvarūpa, wherever Viśvarūpa went, go there. Go and bring my son home. Let the people say whatever they say. Bring my son back. Again I will arrange for His sacred-thread ceremony."

449. Then Jagannātha Miśra said: "O goddess, O queen Śacī, please listen. Please be peaceful at heart. Don't lament any more. This whole material world is a lie. Viśvarūpa is a very exalted person.

450. "Good fortune has now come to our families. Viśvarūpa is a very good son. From childhood He was always a sannyāsī in spirit. Please give Him your blessings. Bless Him that He will be always steady on the spiritual path, that He will easily maintain His vow of sannyāsa.

451. "Listen. Don't think in terms of calamity or

good fortune. Don't lament without reason. When a man accepts sannyāsa he delivers ten million of his kinsmen. Viśvarūpa is a jewel among men."

452. Hearing Jagannātha Miśra's words, Śacī again said: "What did you say? Please say it again, O saintly one." Jagannātha Miśra repeated: "When a man accepts sannyāsa he delivers ten million of his family members. Therefore our son has done good." 453. In this way the two of them felt both grief and joy in their hearts. How can I describe their glories? Their good fortune has no end. They had Viśvarūpa as their son.

454. Murārī Gupta then said to Dāmodara Paṇḍita: Now you have heard the story of Viśvarūpa accepting sannyāsa. Repeating the conversation of those two, Locana dāsa sings this song glorifying Lord Viśvarūpa.

455. At that time Lord Viśvambhara sat on His mother's lap. She gazed at her dear son's face. He said: "Where did My brother go? Listen. Listen, O mother and father. I will protect you."

456. Hearing these words, Jagannātha Miśra and

Śacī-ṛāṇī hugged their son. Gazing at Lord Viśvambhara's face, they forgot all their sorrows. Locana dāsa recounts this story.

Paugāṇḍa-līla‘

Paugāṇḍa (Ages 6-10) Pastimes

Song 14 (Dhanaśī rāga)

457. On another day Jagannātha Miśra saw Lord Viśvambhara and thought about Him in his heart:

458. On an auspicious day, during an auspicious tithi, when an auspicious star was prominent, at an auspicious moment Jagannātha Miśra first placed a writing chalk in his son's hand. That was a wonderful moment.

459. Day by day Lord Gaura, the guru of all the words, pursued His studies. Seeing this, Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra forgot themselves in bliss.
460. Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra decided: "Now His

days of only playing are gone."

461. They decided to perform the Lord's hair-cutting ceremony. They assembled their kinsmen.

462. They decided on an auspicious day and an auspicious moment for the hair-cutting ceremony.

463. In house after house in Nadīyā everyone was filled with bliss. At the ceremony the brāhmaṇas and saintly persons were duly worshiped.

464. The brāhmaṇas recited the Vedas, and the singers sang songs. The yajña was rightly done.

465. The ladies chanted, "Jaya! Jaya!" They gave gifts of fragrances, sandal, and betelnuts to the guests.

466-467. Many kinds of musical instruments were sounded. The bliss everyone felt was like an ocean that had no shore. conchshells, dundubhī drums, bherī drums, kāhāla flutes, mṛdaṅgas, paṭāhas, kāṁsyas, karatālas, and sānāis were all sounded. The music was very sweet.

468. Sounds of "Hari!" reverberated in the sky in the four directions. In this way Lord Gaura's cūḍā-karaṇa (hair-cutting) and karṇa-vedha (piercing ear lobes for earrings) ceremonies were performed.

469. Everyone in Nadiyā's villages became filled with bliss. Gazing at Lord Viśvambhara's face, they forgot themselves.

470. In the marketplaces, pathways, river ghāṭas, and wherever they went, two by two the people gathered and described Lord Gauracandra's glories.

471. They said: "Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra are very fortunate to have such a son. When we see Him, our hearts are overcome with bliss.

472. "Navadvīpa is fortunate. The earth planet is fortunate. Every eye that sees Lord Gaura's form is fortunate and glorious."

473. On another day Lord Gaura played with the boys on a ghāṭa by the sandy banks of the Gaṅgā.

474. "Let Us play a game of following the birds footprints in the sand."

475. These words Lord Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu spoke. All the boys played that game with great enthusiasm.

476. Anyone who skipped a bird's footprint was at once defeated.

477. The boys who ran first to the riverbank were the winners. The winners were carried about on the

losers shoulders.

478. As they rode on the losers backs, the winners hit them with sticks. In this way they ran to meeting ghāṭa.

479. In this way the boys became exhausted by playing in the sand. Streams of perspiration flowed down their limbs.

480. At that moment Jagannātha Miśra went to the Gaṅgā's bank for his bath.

481. When he saw his son, anger took birth within him. Seeing his son exhausted from playing, Jagannātha Miśra felt his heart burn with anger.

482. Lord Gaura's perspiration-filled face was like a golden lotus flower, a lotus flower simultaneously dripping nectar and wilting in the hot sunshine.

483. Shouting and shouting, Jagannātha Miśra ran after his son. Seeing His father, Lord Viśvambhara became very embarrassed.

484. Embarrassed, the Lord did not lift His face. In His heart was fear. The pandita Jagannātha Miśra went to Lord Gauracandra's side.

485. Taking his son by the hand, he departed. All

the boys went to their homes.

486. Jagannātha Miśra bathed in the Gaṅgā and then returned home. Once home, he severely rebuked Lord Gauracandra.

487. He said: "Like a low person You're cheating on Your studies. Why do You foolishly spend every moment wandering about?

488. "You don't act like a brāhmaṇa's son. Now I will give You the proper fruit of Your actions."

489. Speaking these words, Jagannātha Miśra moved to hit the Lord with a stick in his hand. Rebuking him, Śacī grabbed Jagannātha Miśra's hand.

490. She said: "Don't hit my son. He won't play any more. He will stay with you and study always."

491. Lord Viśvambhara ran to His mother's embrace. "I won't play. I won't play.", He softly. softly said.

492. Jagannātha Miśra became like a bolted door preventing his son's exit. "Don't hit my child. He's dying in fear of you."

493. Speaking these words, Śacī sheltered her son in her arms. With the edge of her garment she wiped the tears from her son's eyes and limbs.

494. "Let my son not study. Let Him become a fool.

Let Him be a fool and live a hundred years."

495. Hearing these words of Śaci-devī, Jagannātha
Miśra angrily said:

496. "If our son becomes a fool, how will He earn a living? Why would any brāhmaṇa give his daughter to Him?"

497. Then Jagannātha Miśra looked at his son's face. With frightened eyes the son Lord Gaura looked at His father.

498. In his heart Jagannātha Miśra was burning. But on the outside he was hard. Now he was filled with love. The hand raised to hit his son now he put down.

499. Tears in his eyes, he hugged his son. To his son he sweetly said:

500. "Dear son, if You listen and study the people will praise You. And I will give You a banana."

501. In this way the remainder of that day passed happily. After sunset Jagannātha Miśra went to bed.

502. In the ninth hour of the night he had a dream. In the dream Jagannātha Miśra saw that he was now in trouble.

503. At sunrise he rose and called for everyone. "I saw a dream.", he told everyone.

504. "In the dream I saw a great brāhmaṇa. He was effulgent like the sun.

505. "His splendid body was decorated with jewel ornaments. I had no power to look at Him. He was the abode of great effulgence.

506. "With a voice like a thundering cloud He said to me: `I am your son Viśvambhara. Why do you not honor Me?

507. {sy 168 `I am the Supreme Personality of Godhead. That you do not know. Why do you think I am only your son?

508. {sy 168 `An animal does not know what comes from a sparśamaṇī jewel's touch. You think that I am your son. That is very bold of you.

509. {sy 168 `I know all the scriptures. I am the guru of all the demigods. Why, to force Me to study, will you strike Me with a stick in your hand?'

510. "This dream I saw last night. My heart does not know its meaning."

511. With happy hearts Śacī and everyone else gazed at Lord Viśvambhara's face.

512. Their hearts filled with bliss, Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra hugged their son. They said: "This is our son Viśvambhara Gaura-Hari.

513. "His glories have no end. Even the Vedas do not know where they end. In their meditations even Lord Śiva, Sanaka-kumāra, and all the demigods and sages have no power to know where they end.

514. "Who knows His great, great glories? This fair divine person took birth as our son."

515. Speaking and speaking in this way, Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra felt their love, the love of parents for their son, grow more and more strong. As that love grew, their awareness that their son is the Supreme Personality of Godhead fled far away.

516. When they heard of this dream, everyone became filled with joy. Locana dāsa joyfully sings this song glorifying Lord Gaura.

Song 15 (Varāḍi rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: Lord Gauracandra is my very life!

517. A very blissful day came. The villages of Nadīyā floated in an ocean of bliss.

518. Who has the power to describe even a single sesame seed's worth of that bliss? No one in the whole material world was fortunate like Śacī and Jagannātha Miśra.

519. One day, accompanied by his friends, Jagannātha Miśra suddenly noticed that his son had become very qualified.

520. In his heart he thought: "My son is nine years old. He is very qualified. At an auspicious moment I will give Him a sacred thread."

521. Returning home, he explained all this to Śacī. Bringing an astrologer to his house, he selected an auspicious day.

522. To his kinsmen he sent invitations that said: "I will give Viśvambhara a sacred thread."

523. To his house Jagannātha Miśra brought Lord Advaita Acārya, who was a famous paṇḍita learned in the Vedas and in the performance of yajña.

524. To the brāhmaṇas Jagannātha Miśra gave

betelnuts, sandal, and garlands. Hundreds and hundreds of saintly ladies were anointed with red sindūra.

525. To every guest saintly Śacī gave khadi, bananas, oil, and turmeric.

526. There was a tumultuous sound of "Jaya! Jaya!" and of conchshells sounding. There was a sweet fragrance. At sunset the adhivāsa ceremony was performed.

527. The brāhmaṇas chanted auspicious verses. The poets recited poems. They gave blessings. In this way the ritual was performed.

528. When the night turned into sunrise Jagannātha Miśra gracefully performed the nāndīmukha śrāddha ceremony.

529. He worshiped the brāhmaṇas and offered them pādya and ācamana. Then the time came to begin the yajñā.

530. When Śacī-devī broght her son, wonderful bliss entered the ceremonies.

531. She anointed Lord Viśvambhara's limbs with oil and turemric and His head with fragrant amalakī

oil.

532. Then she bathed Him with Gaṅgā water.

Tossed by waves of bliss, she forgot herself.

533. Conchshells, dunsubhis, bherīs, kāhālas, mṛdaṅgas, padāhas, kāṁsyas, and karatālas were sounded.

534. Eight miles away travelers on the path could hear the rumbling sounds of "duḍadubhi" from the dhāka drums. Hearing the sounds of the sānāis, everyone felt their hearts become soothed and cooled.

535. A band of vīṇās, veṇus, kupilas, vamśīs, rabābs, upāṅgas, and pākowājas played in unison.

536. Dancers danced. Singers sang. At an auspicious moment Lord Gaura's head was shaved.

537. His limbs were decorated with ornaments, fragrant garlands, and sandal paste.

538. As the brāhmaṇas chanted Vedic hymns, Śacī's son entered the yajña arena.

539. He was dressed in saffron garments. A sacred thread was placed on His body. Gazing at His handsome form, everyone was overcome. He was like Kāmadeva himself.

540. In Lord Viśvambhara's ear Jagannātha Miśra repeated the Gayatrī mantra. In Lord Viśvambhara's hand he placed a staff. Seeing Lord Viśvambhara, sin personified was filled with fear.

541. Begging alms, Lord Viśvambhara acted as if He were in the sannyāsa-āśrama, the best of āśramas.

542. When His head was shaved He thought, "To preach the yuga-dharma I will accept sannyāsa."

543. Rapt in thought, He decided, "I will destroy the sufferings of everyone in Kali-yuga."

544. On every limb, from head to foot, the hairs of His body stood erect. The standing hairs defeated the glory of the filaments of kadamba flowers.

545. His long eyes were red and kind. His effulgent limbs were like the rising sun.

546. He gave a great roaring shout of ecstatic spiritual love. Gazing at Him, every brāhmaṇa was filled with wonder.

547. The prominent paṇḍitas headed by Sudarśana gathered together and discussed what had happened.

548. Gathering together, all the paṇḍitas agreed:

"Śaci's son is not a mortal."

549. Among them was born the conclusion that Lord Gaura has a demigod's effulgence. But the truth is that only Lord Kṛṣṇa, and no one else, has an effulgence like His.

550. What can I know of the Lord's character and activities? I know only as much as my intelligence allows.

551. One person there said: "Please hear my words. I do not understand the Supreme Lord's actions.

552. "Still, I will say something that is in my heart. Please hear it. To deliver the people, the Supreme Lord takes birth yuga after yuga.

553. "Thus He manifests different avatāras according to different missions He wishes to fulfill. Thus He manifests four avatāras, one for each yuga.

554. "He is manifest in this world to establish religion, destroy irreligion, and protect His devotees.

555. "His mission also includes killing demons and performing other activities. An avatāra that fulfills these missions (kārya) is called kārya-avatāra.

556. "Considering the nature of Lord Rāmacandra

and other avatāras, it is seen that they were kārya-avatāras, for they all came to fulfill a certain mission.

557. "In Tretā-yuga the avatāra has a red color. His dharma is yajña. Then the Lord also appears in a form dark like durvā grass. In that avatāra His mission is to kill the demons.

558. "Lord Rāmacandra, who enjoys pastimes of befriending the monkeys and killing Rāvaṇa, does not appear in every Tretā-yuga.

559. "Only in the fourteenth catur-yuga does Lord Rāmacandra come and kill Rāvaṇa. He comes only in some Tretā-yugas. That is written in the scriptures.

560. "Some scriptures indeed say that Lord Rāmacandra does not appear in every Tretā-yuga. Only sometimes does He come to fulfill His mission.
561. "In Satya-yuga the avatāra is white, His dharma is austerity, and His name is Hamsa. Lord Nṛsimha and other avatāras are also counted among the kārya-avatāras.

562. "According to the different yugas some avatāras

manifest a specific appropriate color and engage in specific appropriate activities to establish religion.

These avatāras are called yuga-avatāras.

563. "With one heart please hear the description of Lord Kṛṣṇa, who appears in the Dvāpara-yuga. He is the only original Supreme Personality of Godhead. There is no other.

564. "He is both a kārya-avatāra and a yuga-avatāra. He is the perfect and complete original Supreme Personality of Godhead. All other avatāras are His plenary portions. He is the son of Mahārāja Nanda.

565. "He is the perfect and complete Supreme Personality of Godhead. This everyone says. Please know He is the gopīs paramour in Vṛndāvana.

566. "The Kṛṣṇa-avatāra is the crest jewel of all avatāras. The Dvāpara-yuga where He appears in the best of all Dvāpara-yugas.

567. "In other Dvāpara-yugas there are two avatāras. One is a kārya-avatāra and the other a yuga-avatāra.

568. "The Dvāpara-yuga where the avatāra is lord Kṛṣṇa is followed by a Kali-yuga where the avatāra is Lord Gauracandra.

569. "Lord Gauracandra is like Lord Kṛṣṇa. The two

yugas when They appear are different from all other yugas.

570. "Lord Kṛṣṇa does not manifest His pastimes in every Dvāpara-yuga. Neither does Lord Gaura descend to every Kali-yuga.

571. "In the Satya, Tretā, Dvāpara, and Kalī-yugas, the avatāra is generally a plenary portion (amśa) of the Supreme Lord.

572. "The Dvāpara and Kalī-yugas where Lord Kṛṣṇa and Lord Kṛṣṇa Caitanya appear are very fortunate.

573. "They descend to this world only once in Brahmā's day. In only one Dvāpara and Kalī-yuga do They manifest Their pastimes.

574. "Lord Kṛṣṇa and Lord Gaura descend to this world during the Vaivasvata-manvantara. In that Dvāpara-yuga the yuga-dharma is pūjā (Deity worship), and in that Kalī-yuga the yuga-dharma is saṅkīrtana (chanting the Lord's holy names).

575. "Fortunate, fortunate is that Kalī-yuga. It stands above all other yugas. In that yuga the people are able to perform the saṅkīrtana-yajña.

576. "O merciful Lord Gauracandra, by performing

saṅkīrtana even the lame, dull, and blind can cross to the farther shore of the ocean of repeated birth and death.

577. "You don't believe my words? I ask you: Say what you think.

578. "In each yuga the Lord manifests an avatāra with a specific color, dharma, and mission.

579. "In Dvāpara-yuga the yuga-avatāra is Lord Kṛṣṇa. He teaches the yuga-dharma of Dvāpara-yuga

580. "The scriptures say that Deity worship is the yuga-dharma in Dvāpara-yuga. How did Lord Kṛṣṇa establish the dharma of Deity worship?

581. "Don't be disrespectful. Only one person should speak at a time. What I speak is very reasonable.

Don't disrespect my words.

582. "Our Lord Kṛṣṇa is the independent Supreme Personality of Godhead. How did He fulfill His mission of establishing the yuga-dharma?

Everything is maintained by Him.

583. "His mission was indeed to establish the yuga-dharma. He fulfilled it in every way. Please know His activities are wonderful.

584. "Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa descended to this world and manifested Their pastimes. Śrī Rādhā' is independent. She is Lord Kṛṣṇa's transcendental potency in person.

585. "As the Supreme Personality of Godhead and His transcendental potency, Śrī Rādhā' and Śrī Kṛṣṇa manifest two forms. Originally they have one form, but to enjoy Their pastimes They manifest two different forms. This I know

586. "Chanting Śrī Rādhā's name and worshiping Lord Kṛṣṇa, the gopīs engage in devotional service.

587. "Loving devotional service (prema-bhakti) has hundreds and hundreds of branches, Still, every branch originally comes from a single source. That source is Śrī Rādhā, the original form of the Lord's transcendental potency.

588. "To Lord Kṛṣṇa Śrī Rādhā' offers Her very self. The deep and passionate love She feels for Him is eternally new and fresh.

589. "No one understands the devotional service She performs. This all the devotees say.

590. "In other Dvāpara-yugas the Supreme Lord

manifested His plenary portion (amśa) and taught the truth of religion. Still, the people did not understand the heart of what He taught.

591. "He taught them the religion of charity, vows, and austerities. That dharma He gave to everyone.

592. "To teach the people the Supreme Lord personally manifested in this world. Even so, the people still did not understand the seed from which sprouts the difference between religion and irreligion.

593. "In Kali-yuga the Supreme Lord personally manifests as Lord Gaura. He is the yuga-avatāra. His mission is to teach ecstatic spiritual love (prema).

594. "His fair limbs are the color of Śrī Rādhā. In His heart is the nectar of ecstatic love Śrī Rādhā' feels.

595. "He is the crown of all who taste spiritual nectar . Feeling the ecstasy of the love Śrī Rādhā' feels, He weeps. Appearing like the filaments of kadamba flowers, the hairs of His body stand erect in His ecstasy.

596. "Overwhelmed with ecstatic love, He becomes like a wild man. He shouts and roars. He weeps and

weeps.

597. "Hearing His shouts, the unconscious people of Kali-yuga awaken. They all become filled with bliss.

598. "Chanting, 'Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa!', He dances, weeps, and laughs. His presence makes the blinding darkness of ignorance flee far away.

599. "In Dvāpara-yuga Lord Kṛṣṇa takes birth. In Kalī-yuga He takes birth in a fair form. He awakens the unconscious people of Kalī-yuga.

600. "Assuming the role of a humble devotee, the Lord reveals the truth of ecstatic spiritual love

(prema). He personally gives Himself to the people.

601. "He does not consider who is worthy or who is not worthy to receive His gift. He freely gives it to everyone. In this way He displays His supreme power and independence.

602. "Some people say Lord Gaura is a yuga-avatāra. In truth He is the origin of all avatāras.

603. "In other Kalī-yugas the avatāra is Lord Nārāyaṇa. That avatāra has a name of two syllables.

That name is Kṛṣṇa.

604. "The scriptures say that avatāra has a

complexion like a parrot's wing. The commentator on that verse explains that His color is dark like a sapphire.

605. "Lord Gauracandra is the original Supreme Personality of Godhead. The other avatāras are all expansions of Him. That is the heart of the scriptures teaching.

606. "Lord Caitanya is the original form of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He is an ocean of mercy. No one is like Him.

607. "Only in certain Kalī-yugas does Lord Gaura, the original Supreme Lord, manifest. Then He becomes both kārya-avatāra and yuga-avatāra.

608. "In Kalī-yuga the Supreme Lord appears in a yellow color and preaches the yuga-dharma of saṅkīrtana. Śacī's son Viśvambhara is that form of the Supreme Lord. He, and no one else, is that Lord."

609. Discussing all these points, every paṇḍita there became firmly convinced in his heart that Śacī's son Viśvambhara is the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

610. Within a single sesame seed's worth of time the

word spread that Viśvambhara Gaura-Harī is in truth the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

611. From one ear to the next the wonderful news spread to every person. About this news there were five or seven opinions.

612. Some people were filled with wonder. Others still had doubts in their hearts. Who amongst them could see Lord Viśvambhara's true nature?

613. They who heard this news about Lord Viśvambhara directly saw the creator of all the worlds.

614. Filled with bliss, the whole town chanted, "Jaya! Jaya!" Fortunate Locana dāsa sings this song glorifying Lord Gaura.

Song 16 (Śrī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: Glory, glory to Lord Gaurāṅga! Love for Lord Gaurāṅga is for me the sweetest nectar bliss.

Glory, glory to Lord Gaurāṅga!

615. One day Lord Gaura, sitting at home, was rapt in thinking within His heart.

616. His entire body was then flooded with nectar light. His body was so effulgent no one at home could bear to look at it.

617. Glancing at His mother, Lord Gaura said: "Hear My words. I see that you have committed a great offense.

618. "Do not eat grains on ekādaśī. Carefully obey what I have now told you."

619. With a voice like a thundering cloud, Lord Gaura spoke these words to His mother. Hearing them, Mother Śacī felt great awe and wonder in her heart.

620. Her body was filled with awe and love. Softly, softly she said: "I will obey Your command."

621. Hearing His mother's words, Lord Gaura was pleased at heart. In this way the kind-hearted Lord taught the principles of religion.

622. At that moment a pure-hearted brāhmaṇa unexpectedly arrived. He gave some betelnuts to Lord Gaura.

623. Smiling, Lord Gaura began to chew those betelnuts. The next moment He called for His mother.

624. To His mother Lord Gaura said: "I will go home. Take care of this person. He is your son now."

625. Half a moment after speaking these words, Lord Gaura became motionless. Like a stick He fell to the ground.

626. He made not a sound. Śacī was terrified. Her heart beating quickly, she placed some Gaṅgā water in her son's mouth.

627. Then next moment the Lord became conscious again. The effulgence of His body filled the room with light.

628. To His mother Lord Gaura said: "I will go home." Who has the power to understand these words?

629. Śrī Murārī Gupta is a confidential devotee of the Lord. He knows all spiritual truths. He is a very expert devotee.

630. Dāmodara Paṇḍita asked him: "O great soul, please explain those words to me.

631. "Were these words only a trick by the Lord? What is the power behind these words? Please give me your opinion."

632. Murārī Gupta replied: "Hear. Hear, O saintly one. How can I know everything in Lord Kṛṣṇa's heart? Whatever my intelligence can understand I will explain to you.

633. "If what I speak according to my intelligence is reasonable, then you may accept it.

634. "When a devotee hears about the Lord, gazes at His Deity form, meditates on Him, or chants His holy names, the Lord enters that devotee's heart.

635. "The Lord's body is not material. It is free from the touch of the material modes.

636. "Thus the Supreme Lord places His own body within the body of His devotee. There the Lord enjoys pastimes as He wishes.

637. "The Lord thinks the worship of His devotees is more important than the worship of Him. In His heart He thinks of ways to worship His devotees.

638. "In this way the Lord places Himself under the dominion of His devotees. Some people say these are ordinary material activities on the part of the Lord

and His devotee.

639. {sy 168ý `Why does the Supreme Personality of Godhead think the devotees are more important than Him? The residents of the material world have no power to understand the answer to this question.

640. "The Lord's form is graceful and handsome. It is made of spiritual nectar. It possesses all opulences.

641. "It is never without playful, glorious, blissful pastimes. Who is the person, a person worthless like a pile of ashes, that will insult the Lord by saying,

‘The Supreme Lord has no attributes’.?'

642. "Stopped by māyā, these persons do not attain the Lord. Still, the Lord always enjoys pastimes in
His devotees bodies.

643. "When the devotee eats, sleeps, relaxes, or plays, Lord Kṛṣṇa feels happiness.

644. "Lord Kṛṣṇa is equal to the devotees and the non-devotees. Still, only the devotees see Lord Kṛṣṇa within their own bodies.

645. "Even if somehow they see Lord Kṛṣṇa, the non-devotees think He is an ordinary human being. They say: ‘Who is this Kṛṣṇa? He must be an

ordinary human being. After all, I can see Him with my own eyes.'

646-647. "The truth is that Lord Kṛṣṇa is the original Supreme Personality of Godhead, the master of all masters of all masters. He is the Supreme Brahman, untouched by the modes of material nature. Persons who say, 'Lord Kṛṣṇa is an ordinary human being with a material body, a human being who performs ordinary material actions.', are the lowest of men. They do not understand the truth about Lord Kṛṣṇa. In truth Lord Kṛṣṇa manifests His own body within the bodies of His devotees.

648. "That is the understanding in my heart. Please try to understand it with your heart and become happy.

649. "Therefore I say a true Vaiṣṇava has a body within which Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself resides. This I have heard in the Vedas, Purāṇas, and Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.

650. "As the Gaṅgā and other holy places purify the pilgrims, so the dust of a devotee's feet purifies everyone.

651. "The lowly people who think a devotee's body is ordinary, like the bodies of the ordinary people, does not understand the truth. He commits an offense."

652. With happy hearts Murārī Gupta and Dāmodara Pañdita discussed the spiritual truth in this way.

653. The Supreme Lord does not distinguish between His body and the body of His devotee. He thinks the devotee's body is His own.

654. Hearing the discussion of these two devotees, Locana dāsa is now filled with joy as he sings this song.

Song 17 (Vibhāsa rāga-Disā)

Refrain: Never lost, his life is never lost!

655. Everyone please hear another wonderful story. When you hear it the sufferings in your heart will perish.

656. One day, after studying the Vedas at his guru's
āśrama, Jagannātha Miśra, the jewel of the
brāhmaṇas, returned to his home.

657. Pushed by destiny, the flames of a fever began
to burn in his body. When he saw the fever was very
severe, fear arose within him.

658. Seeing this, agitated Śacī wept. Speaking the
spiritual truth, Lord Gaura consoled her.

659-660. He said: "Mother, death will come for
everyone. Brahmā, Śiva, the ocean, the mountains,
the Himālayas, Indra, Varuṇa, and Agnī must all die
in the course of time. Why do you fear death?

661. "Gather all Our friends and kinsmen. Together
We will chant Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names.

662. "At the time of death is the duty of friends and
kinsmen to help one remember Lord Kṛṣṇa, the
jewel of the Yadus."

663. Hearing these words, all the friends and
kinsmen came. They gathered around Lord Gaura
and Jagannātha Miśra.

664. The friends and kinsmen debated what should
be done. Seeing the time was near, Lord Gaura
spoke to them.

665. Lord Viśvambhara said: "Mother, why is there a delay? This moment I will go with the friends and kinsmen."

666. After speaking these words to His mother, Lord Gaura, accompanied by the friends and kinsmen, took His father to the Gaṅgā's bank.

667. Grasping His father's feet, Lord Viśvambhara wept. Tears filled His eyes. With a choked voice He said:

668. "O father, if you leave Me, where will I go? Never again will I be able to call out to you, 'O father!'

669. "From today My house is a desert. O father, never again will I see your feet.

670. "Today the ten directions are a great desert. They are filled with a terrible blinding darkness. Never again will I study under you. Never again will I hold your hand."

671. Hearing these nectar words, Jagannātha Miśra had no power to reply.

672. In a choked voice he said: "Listen, Viśvambhara. I will tell You what is in my heart.

673. "I place You at Lord Rāmacandra's feet. After some time You will forget me."

674. Then Jagannātha Miśra chanted, "Hari! Hari!" and meditated on the Lord. Then all the brāhmaṇas bathed him with Gaṅgā water.

675. Around his neck they placed a tulasi necklace. Surrounding him on four sides, the friends and kinsmen chanted Lord Hari's holy names.

676. On his four sides there was saṅkīrtana of Lord Hari's holy names. At that moment Jagannātha Miśra, the best of the brāhmaṇas, went to Vaikuṇṭha.

677. Entering a celestial chariot, Jagannātha Miśra went to Vaikuṇṭha. Śacī's weeping made the earth split into pieces.

678. Grasping her husband's feet, Śacī wept. She rolled on the ground. "Please don't leave me. Take me with you.

679. "For a long time I served you. Now you have gone to Vaikuṇṭha. And I must stay behind on the earth.

680. "When you ate and when you slept I served you. For me the ten directions have now become a

desert. They are filled with blinding darkness.

681. "Now I am a widow. I have only your small son.

Where will Nīmāī stay? Into whose face will He
gaze?

682. "A son like Nīmāī is very difficult to find in this world. Forgetting everyuthing, my master has now left us."

683. Seeing His father's death and His mother's weeping, Lord Gaura also wept. Tears flowed from His eyes.

684. The large tears flowing from His eyes to His chest were like a string of enormous elephant pearls.

685. The devotees, friends, and kinsmen lamented, "Ha! Ha!" When Lord Gaura wept the whole world wept with Him.

686. To pacify the Lord the people sweetly said: "O Lord, Your crying will make the whole world perish."

687. The ladies consoled Śacī-devī: "Śrī, look at Viśvambhara and forget about all this."

688. Controlling His grief, the Lord became peaceful. When the time came He performed the

funeral ceremony.

689. Surrounded by His kinsmen, He performed the Vedic ritual for His father's funeral.

690. Lord Gaura, who dearly loved His father, performed His father's yajña. One after another He performed all the rituals. Then He worshiped the brāhmaṇas.

691. Lord Gaura, who was devoted to His father, gave to the brāhmaṇas pots of water, dishes of food, and many other gifts.

692. This is the story of Jagannātha Miśra's journey to Vaikuṇṭha. Lors Viśvambhara's father, Jagannātha Miśra, was the best of brāhmaṇas.

693. Faithful persons who hear this story and die by the Gaṅgā's banks will certainly go to Vaikuṇṭha.

694. Gazing at Lord Gauracandra, Śacī sighed. She feared raising her fatherless son.

695. "If He dives into the nectar of scholarship, then my son will be happy at heart", she thought.

696. Everyone please hear these wonderful stories. In this way Locana dāsa narrates Lord Caitanya's pastimes.

Song 18 (Dhanaśī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: O! O! O!

697. One day Śacī took Lord Gaura-Harī by the hand and brought Him to pastimes of scholarship.

698. She took Her son to all the paṇḍitas and humbly said to them:

699. "O saintly ones, please teach my son. Give Him shelter. Please don't reject Him.

700. "Please be affectionate to my fatherless son. Please think of Him as your own son."

701. Hearing these words, the paṇḍitas hesitated in their hearts. They humbly said:

702. "Dear mother, on this day our good fortune is born. Today we have attained the person who is loved by millions of Sarasvatīs.

703. "To everyone He will teach His own spiritual love and His own holy names. He is the best of the brāhmaṇas, the guru of all the worlds.

704. "Dear mother, please know for certain that it is
we who will learn from Him."

705. Hearing these words, Śacī-devī humbly said: "I
will leave Him with you." Then she returned home.

706. In those days Lord Viśvambhara would go to
Viṣṇu Paṇḍita's home to study.

707. To bless them, Lord Gaura, the guru of the
worlds, also studied under Sudarśana Paṇḍita and
Gaṅgādāsa Paṇḍita.

708. Manifesting a form deceptively like that of an
ordinary mortal, Lord Gaura acted like an ordinary
person. Merciful to the people, he studied and
taught.

709. One day, at Śrī Sudarśana Paṇḍita's house,
Lord Gaura was joking with His classmates.

710. Speaking charming joking words sweet like
nectar, the Lord imitated the speech of East Bengal.

711. Some days passed in this way. Then the Lord
decided to visit Vanamālī Acārya.

712. The Lord went to his āśrama to see him. Seeing
him, Lord Gaura bowed down and then respectfully
stood.

713. Taking him by the hand, they both walked on

the pathways. Talking and talking, they spoke of many wonderful and secret things.

714-715. At that moment Lord Viśvambhara suddenly saw Vallabhācārya's beautiful, virtuous, saintly daughter, a girl who was the most fortunate in the three worlds, a girl who, surrounded by her girl friends, was walking to a bathing place by the Gaṅgā.

716. The Lord glanced at her and smiled. From that one glance, the memory of why He had taken birth in this world was born in the Lord's thoughts.

717. Lord Gaura understood the hint that girl, Goddess Lakṣmī herself, had given Him with that glance. In her thoughts Goddess Lakṣmī placed Lord Gaura's feet on her head.

718. Very intelligent Vanamālī Acārya understood what had happened. A confidential thought then sprouted in his heart.

719. On another day, with a joyful heart Vanamālī Acārya went to Śacī's house.

720. Smiling, he bowed down before Śacī's feet and then sweetly said:

721. "I know a girl who is very suitable for your son. She is beautiful, virtuous, and saintly. She is the most fortunate girl in the three worlds.

722. "She is the very well-behaved daughter of Vallabhācārya. If you wish, you may reveal what you think in your heart."

723. Hearing Vanamālī Acārya's words, Śacī-devī said: "My son is still young. Let Him study.

724. "My son has no father. Let him study for some days. Let Him grow a little older and become a learned paṇḍita. Then you may try again."

725. Hearing these words, Vanamālī Acārya was not happy. His face marked with disappointment, he walked home.

726. He was restless. He was agitated at heart. He wept and wept. He called out: "O! O Gauracandra!

727. "O purifier of the fallen, You refuse to make me fortunate. Why, then, do You accept the name Vāñchā-kalpa-taru (He who is like a desire-tree)?

728. "If You will not fulfill my desire, why do You accept the name Vāñchā-kalpa-taru?

729. "O Lord who rescued Draupadī from fear and infamy, glory, glory to You! O Lord who rescued

Gajendra from a crocodile, glory, glory to You!

730. "O Lord who rescued Ajāmila from the Yamadūtas, glory to You! O father of everyone, please rescue me also!"

731. At that moment Lord Gaura was at His teacher's house. Fully aware of what was in Vanamālī Acārya's heart, the Lord became unhappy that His devotee was in distress.

732. Lord Gaura hastily packed up His books, spoke to His teacher, and left.

733. He gracefully walked like a maddened elephant. Ornaments glistened on His fair form.

734. His curly hair charmed everyone. His lips were like bāndhūlī flowers. His teeth were like pearls.

735. His charming limbs were anointed with sandal paste. The fine garments gracing His form charmed every heart.

736. Of how many millions of Kāmadevas was Lord Gaura-Harī the king? His graceful form agitated the saintly girls.

737. Lord Gaura quickly went to Vanamālī Acārya's house. He went quickly because He bears the name

Vāñchā-kalpa-taru.

738. Weeping, Vanamālī Acārya walked on path after path. Raising his arms, he called out: "O! O Gauracandra!"

739. At that time Lord Gaura had just come from His teacher's house. Walking, He suddenly saw Vanamālī Acārya.

740. Like a stick Vanamālī Acārya fell at Lord Gaura's feet. Smiling and smiling, the Lord picked him up.

741. Then Lord Gaura offered obeisances to Vanamālī Acārya. Embracing him, the Lord sweetly asked: "From where have you come?"

742. Vanamālī Acārya replied: "Listen. Listen, O Viśvambhara. I have come from Your home.

743. "I visited Your saintly mother. To her I spoke what was in my mind.

744. "I told her of a girl that is very suitable for You. That girl is Vallabhācārya's fortunate, all-virtuous daughter.

745. "Hearing these words, Your mother did not take them seriously. Disappointed at heart, I am now returning home."

746. Hearing these words, the Lord did not speak.
With a playful smile He returned home.

747. Seeing the Lord's wise, graceful, sweet, gentle
smile, Vanamālī Acārya knew in his heart that his
desire would be fulfilled.

748. He thought: "My mission will be fulfilled."
Again in his heart he thought: "The Lord will marry
her."

749. Vanamālī Acārya joyfully returned to his home.
In his heart he thought of Lord Gaura's pastimes.

750. Returning to His home, Lord Gaura asked His
mother: "What did you say to Vanamālī Acārya?

751. "I met him on the street. He was very unhappy
at heart. I could not cheer him with My words.

752. "Why did you make him so unhappy? Seeing his
sorrow I became sorrowful also."

753. Hearing the Lord's words, in her heart
intelligent Śacī at once understood the Lord's hint.

754. At once she sent a messenger to bring
Vanamālī Acārya. Hearing the messenger's words,
Vanamālī Acārya came at once.

755. His body flooded with bliss and his words

choked, he bowed down before Śacī.

756. Falling down like a stick, he touched the dust at Śacī's feet. "O goddess, why have you called for me?", he said.

757. "You may make arrangements for what previously you spoke. To please everyone I sanction Viśvambhara's marriage.

758. "You love Viśvambhara more than I. Please arrange everything. What more need I tell you?

759. "You spoke of Viśvambhara's marriage. Now please arrange it. This I tell you."

760. Hearing these words, Vanamālī Acārya said: "I will obey your command."

761. After speaking these words, he went to Vallabhācārya's house. Vallabhācārya respectfully rose to greet him.

762-263. Vallabhācārya humbly offered a sitting place. Thinking of his own good fortune, Vallabhācārya smiled and said: "I am very fortunate that you have come. What is your mission? Please tell it."

764. Hearing Vallabhācārya's words, Vanamālī Acārya spoke some words of graceful introduction

and then described the mission in his heart.

765. He said: "You were always very friendly to me. Controlled by the friendship of others, I have come to your home.

766. "Jagannātha Miśra had a son named Viśvambhara. That son has good family, good character, and a host of virtues. His every limb is handsome.

767. "How can I describe all His virtues? The creating demigod Brahmā has placed every virtue in this person.

768. "How can I describe Viśvambhara's glories? Soon every mouth will chant His glories. Everyone will hear His glories.

769. "Viśvambhara would be the perfect husband for your daughter. If in your heart you agree, then it will all be arranged."

770. Hearing these words, Vallabhācārya thought in his heart. He said: "These words you speak bring great good fortune to me.

771. "I have no wealth. I cannot give any dowry. I can give only my beautiful daughter.

772. "If you accept this offer, then I will give my daughter to Viśvabhara, the jewel of sons-in-law.

773. "When I give my daughter in marriage to Gauracandra, then there will be great bliss in the planets of the dmeigods, sages, and pitās.

774. "This event has come as the result of my many past austerities. To me no one is a better friend than you. This my heart says.

775. "Of the possibility of this marriage I have thought day and night. Now it will happen. It is not too much to hope for."

776. In this way the two of them concluded their conversation. Returning to Śacī's house, Vanamālī Acārya told her everything.

777. Hearing the news, Śacī-devī became very pleased. To Vanamālī Acārya she gave her blessings.

778. She gathered her relatives and told them the news. Her body was filled with bliss. She was very joyful.

779. To all her relatives she told her decision. Thinking it over, everyone agreed: "It is good. It is good."

Kaiśora-līlā-Vivāha

Kaiśora (Ages 11-15) Pastimes-The Lord's Wedding

Song 19 (Varādi rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: He who is the moon of the brāhmaṇas is
my very life!

1. Smiling and gazing at her son's face, Śacī sweetly said:
2. "Listen. Listen, O Viśvambhara, my golden son.
Vallabhācārya's daughter is very wonderful.
3. "In my heart I know it is right that You marry her.
How fortunate I am to have her as my daughter-in-law!"
4. "Think about it. Please accept this wonderful opportunity. Please gather the appropriate things, so everything will be rightly done."
5. Hearing His mother's words, Lord Viśvambhara

Rāya gathered all the appropriate things.

Everything was right.

6. A very learned astrologer was called. He marked the auspicious moment for the wedding.
7. On that auspicious day, at that auspicious time, all the brāhmaṇas, elegantly dressed for the occasion, came.
8. All the villages of Nadīyā were filled with bliss. The ocean of ecstatic spiritual love rose. Everyone forgot himself.
9. Śacī and the fortunate married ladies made all thew auspicious arrangements. In this way everything was wonderful in the Lord's adhivāsa ceremony.
10. In the four directions brāhmaṇas chanted the Vedas. Conchshells and mṛdaṅgas were sounded. Everything was marked with auspiciousness.
11. The directions were decorated with lamps, flags, and flower garlands. Scented with fragrances, sandal paste and flower garlands, the place was charming.
12. In this way all the brāhmaṇas performed the Lord's adhivāsa ceremony. Lord Gaura's form was glorious like ten million Kāmadevas.

13. Lord Gaura's limbs glistened with great splendor. Gazing at Him, all the brāhmaṇas became filled with wonder.

14. To the brāhmaṇas He gave fragrances, sandal paste, and flower garlands. When He gave them glorious betelnuts they were very pleased.

15. Vallabhācārya arranged for the bride's adhvāsa ceremony. That very auspicious ritual was performed by the best brāhmaṇas.

16. Fragrant scents, garlands, and sandal were exchanged. In the adhvāsa ceremony Lord Gaura was decorated like the jewel of sons-in-law.

17. In this way the adhvāsa and the night both came to an end. Saying, "Now we will go and collect Gaṅgā water.", the girls were filled with bliss.

18. Making waves of music, the instruments sounded in unison. The saintly ladies ended the adhvāsa ceremony.

19. Tossed by the nectar waves of Lord Gaurāṅga's wedding, the young girls of Nadīyā became wild with bliss.

20. Walking in group after group, the brāhmaṇa

girls were like groups of moons decorating the earth.

21. Their eyes were like does eyes. Their walking was like elephants graceful steps. The splendor of their limbs defeated Kāmadeva.

22. Their hair, garments, and ornaments were peerless. They could conquer the most powerful sages hearts.

23. They smiled and laughed. They glistened like lightning. Their words were nectar. They laughed and joked. Walking along, they nodded and nodded with the desire to sleep.

24. With sweet words tbey chanted Lord Gaurāṅga's glories. Their limbs, splendid like Kāmadeva, trembled.

25. Waves of pearls decorated their noses and garments, pearls like a host of stars fallen to the earth during the reddish sunrise.

26. These saintly girls went to Śacī's home. Śacī gave them gifts of fragrances, sandal, and betelnuts.

27. The girls went to collect Gaṅgā water. House after house they flooded with the ncetar of auspicious bliss.

(Sung in Tuḍī-rāga)

28. Their faces like moons lighting up the night,
with sweet voices the girls sang songs praising Lord
Gaura's pastimes. They sang:

Refrain: Whoever went first sang songs of Lord Gaura's pastimes. Thus they went to collect Gaṅgā water. Their hearts were all filled with bliss. Who amongst them had the power to remain calm and peaceful?

29. Some wore glorious silk garments. Others wore garments of yellow. As they walked they fanned Lord Gaura's glorious limbs.

30. Placing Śacī in front, they walked behind her. They waited for Lord Gaura. They tried to get close to Him.

31. On the pretext of offering Him fragrances, sandal, and flower garlands, they touched Lord Gaura's limbs.

32. Carefully they placed betelnuts and camphor in

Lord Gaura's hand.

33. Finally they met the married ladies. Filled with the nectar of wonderful bliss, they all performed the ritual of collecting Gaṅgā water. In this way Locana dāsa sings the glories of Lord Gaura.

Song 20 (Bhāṭiyāri rāga)

34. In this way night blissfully turned into dawn.
With happy hearts everyone performed these
rituals.

35. The rituals of bathing and giving gifts were
rightly done. The demigods and pitās were
worshiped.

36. The Vedic rituals of nāndīmukha and śrāddha
were performed. When all was concluded, gifts and
a feast were offered to the brāhmaṇas.

37. Gifts were given to the dancers and poets. The
guests were all satisfied with many gifts.

38. In their hearts everyone thought the sweet
words of the hosts were far more important than the

gifts. Gazing at the moonlike face of Lord Gaura, everyone felt his heart become pleased and cooled.

39. In this way Lord Gaura rightly performed this portion of His marriage ritual. Then He bathed again.

40. Then a barber came and did his barber's work. Then the assembled saintly ladies washed the Lord's graceful limbs.

41. Musical instruments made a sweet sound. In the four directions was a great tumult of "Jaya! Jaya!"

42. Then Śacī-devī and the married ladies performed rituals of worship. All was rightly done.

43. To the friends and kinsmen that had come to her home, Śacī revealed her heart. She said:

44. "I am worthless like a pile of ashes. My husband is gone, and now my son is fatherless. I am poor and lowly. How can I properly honor you all?"

45. With a voice choked with emotion Śacī spoke these words. Tears flowed from her eyes to her chest.

46. Hearing His mother's anguished words, Lord Gaura lowered His head.

47. He thought: "Where has My father gone?" His heart was aflame. He was very sad.

48. Tears like strings of pearls flowed from His eyes. Seeing this, *Saci-devī* became afraid.

49. Seeing Lord Gaura weep, the saintly ladies began to weep also.

50. "Why? O father, why do I see your sad face even now? Even during this auspicious ceremony You still make Me weep."

51. "You are the whole world to Me. You are My only treasure. When you gave up your life you were very sad."

52. Hearing His mother speak these words, Lord Gaura became very sad. His voice became choked with emotion.

53. His face became like a moon fading at dawn. His voice rumbled like a new thundering cloud.

54. To His mother Lord Gaura said: "Please hear My words. Why is your heart so filled with grief?

55. "What wealth is not yours? Why are you distraught? Why do you grieve as if you were abandoned and alone?

56. "You remind Me I will never see My father again.

Now My heart grieves like yours. What can I say to You?"

57. "To the guests at Our door please give gifts of sandal and betelnuts. Please absorb your heart in giving gifts.

58. "With fragrant sandal paste please anoint our guests limbs. Please do not fill your heart with grief.

59. "Don't treat Our guests in this way. This hint I give to you."

60. Hearing her son's words, Śacī calmly, calmly spoke. With sweet words she pacified Lord Viśvambhara.

61. All the brāhmaṇas were pleased by these words Lord Viśvambhar spoke.

62. At that time, in his own house, and accompanied by a host of brāhmaṇas, Vallabhācārya worshiped the demigods and pitās.

63. He gave his daughter many ornaments. He decorated her with garlands, sandal, and fragrant scents.

64. At an auspicious moment he sent a brāhmaṇa to bring the bridegroom.

65. Meanwhile Lord Viśvambhara was surrounded by His friends. They dressed His graceful limbs with very wonderful garments.

66. They anointed His limbs with fragrances and sandal. On His forehead they placed a tilaka mark glorious like moonlight

67. On His cheeks they placed glistening shark-shaped earrings. His chest they decorated with a string of pearls.

68. His reddish eyes they anointed with splendid black kajjala. His eyebrows were like two bows held by the archer Kāmadeva.

69. He was decorated with glistening jewel rings, bracelets, and armlets. He was so glorious and effulgent no one could bear to look at Him.

70. He was decorated with a splendid flower garland and a garment with a red border. The breeze from His limbs was very fragrant.

71. He was splendid like a full moon or a golden mirror. The people gazed at Him. Their hearts had no power to remain aloof from Him.

72. Gazing at His handsome form, the young girls were overwhelmed. With unblinking eyes the grown

ladies gazed at His handsome form.

73. At the auspicious moment the Lord offered obeisances to His mother and then departed. Great auspicious sounds of "Jaya!" and of Lord Hari's holy names arose.

74. Surrounded by his friends, the Lord ascended a glorious vehicle. Before Him singers sang and dancers danced.

75. Brāhmaṇas chanted the Vedas and poets recited poems. Trumpets, horns, flutes, and drums sounded.

76. Dāmāmās, dagadas, paṭāhas, mṛdaṅgas, dosaris, and moharis also sounded. Hearing the music, everyone became filled with bliss.

77. Sounds of "Hari! Haribol!" and "Jaya! Jaya!" were heard. The people of Nadīyā were wild with bliss.

78. Pushing and shoving, everyone ran. No one had the power to stay on the pathways. The townspeople were all filled with wonder.

79. Some had untied hair. Others were not completely dressed. Breathing heavily, all ran to see.

80. They did not whisper in each other's ear. They sent no hints or signals. They were not shy or

reserved. Loudly calling to each other, everyone in
Nadīyā ran.

81. Proud ladies threw their pride far away and
joyfully ran to see Lord Gaurāṅga.

82. Demigods flying celestial airplanes in outer space
also looked. Filled with love, they flew closer to gaze
at Lord Gaura's limbs.

83. Goddesses gazed at Lord Gaura's face. In the four
directions goddesses sang Lord Gaura's auspicious
glories.

Song 21 (Vihāgadā rāga)

Refrain: During Lord Gaurāṅgacandra's wedding
sounds of "Jaya! Jaya!" filled the four directions. The
saintly ladies gathered and made a tumult of
auspicious sounds. Joyfully they sang auspicious
songs glorifying the Lord.

84. Decorate your hair. Dress in a silk sari. Decorate
your eyes with black kajjala. We will assemble and

go together to Śrī Viśvambhara's wedding.

85. Quickly decorate yourself with necklaces, bracelets, armlets, anklets, and tinkling ornaments. In the place where your hair is parted place a line of red sindūra. On your forehead place dots of sandal.
86. Place betelnuts on your lips. Place betelnuts in your left hand. Walk with playful, languid grace. When we see Viśvambhara, who is like Kāmadeva himself, we will have no power to remain peaceful and serene.

87. Many different musical instruments are sounded.

A hundred concshells are blown. Mṛdaṅgas, paṭāhas, kāhālas, dundubhis, diṇḍimas, and muharis make a sweet and joyful sound.

88. The vīṇās make playful sounds. The flutes softly speak. The pākowājas are sounded. in Nadīyā bliss fills home after home. Auspicious music is played everywhere.

89. Gazing at Lord Gauracandra's face, everyone in Nadīyā is filled with bliss. No one is shy. Everyone gazes at Lord Gaura, whose glory defeats ten million Kāmadevas.

90. How many women, forgetting their husbands and children, flowers falling from their disheveled braids, and their garments in disarray, wildly ran?

91. "Glorious! Glorious! Glorious!", the beautiful girls called. No other sound could be heard. From the four directions the ladies ran to see Lord Gaura.

92. Some played the vīṇā. Others sang songs. Others joyfully ran. The four directions were filled with auspicious glory and with sounds of "Jaya! Jaya!"

This says Locana dāsa.

Song 22 (Bhāṭiyārī rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: O my heart, please gaze at the wonderful Deity of Navadvīpa, a Deity I worship with every breath.

93. In this way Lord Gaura went to Vallabhācārya's home. The sky was filled with sounds of "Jaya! Jaya!"

94. Hundreds and hundreds of lamps glistened. The whole earth was effulgent. Lord Gaura's limbs

glistened with great splendor.

95. Vallabhācārya greeted Him with pādyā and arghya, escorted Him into the house, and offered auspicious blessings to Him.

96. Then Lord Mahāprabhu stood on a platform under a canopy. He was effulgent and joyful.

97. His face defeated the full moon. His sweet smile was filled with nectar.

98. His limbs glistened like molten gold. His tall body was like Mount Sumeru.

99. On His arms and hands were jewel arnlets, bracelets, and rings. The palms of His hands were glorious like red lotus flowers.

100. A celestial garland of jasmine flowers swung on His fair limbs. It was like waves of the Gaṅgā cascading down Mount Sumeru.

101. A splendid crown touched His forehead. Gazing at Him, ten million Kāmadevas are overcome with embarrassment.

102. Earrings swung on His ears. To what can I compare them? They cast far away any other desire that may remain in the hearts of proud women.

103. As Lord Mahāprabhu stood under the canopy,
the married ladies performed the ritual of
welcoming the bridegroom.

104. They wore wonderful ornaments and glorious
garments. Glistening lamps were in their hands and
glorious joy in their hearts.

105. The married ladies were in the fore. Behind
them was the bride's mother. In this way the
glorious ladies performed the ritual of welcoming
the bridegroom.

106. Bearing seven lamps in their hands, they
circumambulated Him seven times. With happy
hearts they washed His feet with yogurt.

107. In this way they performed the ceremony of
welcoming the bridegroom. Then the auspicious
moment of dusk arrived.

108. Then the glorious brāhmaṇa Vallabhācārya
commanded that his daughter be brought at once.

109. The beautiful girl sat on a glorious throne. The
splendor of her limbs filled all the earth with light.

110. On her four sides jewel lamps glistened. Her
face defeated the splendid full moon.

111. Her every limb was glorious with ornaments of

jewels and gold. Her effulgence cast the darkness far away.

112. Seven times she circumambulated her master. Folding her hands and bowing her head, she offered obeisances to Him.

113. Then a curtain was drawn around Them. The two of Them gazed at each other. As They gazed at each other, Their eyes danced.

114. They were like Candra and Rohinī meeting. With Their glances They shot arrows of flowers at each other.

115. They were like Śiva and Pārvatī meeting. In this ritual first meeting behind a curtain They both trembled, overcome with bliss.

116. In the four directions were great sounds of "Jaya! Jaya!" and "Hari! Hari!" Wild with bliss, everyone danced.

117. Then Lord Viśvambhara, who is in truth Lord Nārāyaṇa, the goddess of fortune's husband, sat down. His bride was on His left.

118. Her face bowed with shyness, she sat down beside Him. Then Vallabhācārya worshiped his son-

in-law. All this was rightly done.

119-127. The Supreme Personality of Godhead, whose lotus feet the demigod Brahmā worshiped with arghya, by whose mercy Brahmā attained the power to create the material universe, from whose

feet the Gaṅgā flows to the earth and gives liberation to all, whose three steps traversed the

universe, to whom Mahārāja Balī completely surrendered, the dust of whose lotus feet Mahārāja Balī placed on his head, by chanting the glories of whose feet a certain great yogī became the demigod

Śiva, whose feet the goddess of fortune joyfully serves, whose plenary expansion (amśa-avatāra) is Lord Viṣṇu, whose plenary expansion Adī-Varāha rescued the earth, whose avatāras Matsya, Kūrma,

Varāha, Nṛsiṁha, Vāmana, Paraśurāma,

Rāmacandra, Buddha, Vyāsa, and others are described in the eighteen Purāṇas, whose ten avatāras are glorified with many songs, who yuga after yuga descends to the material world to deliver the conditioned souls, and whose glories cannot be

completely described by anyone in the three material worlds, became Vallabhācārya's son-in-law.

128. Songs that glorify Lord Gaurāṅga are floods of nectar. Anyone who hears descriptions of Lord Gaurāṅga destroys the offenses in his heart.

129. To Lord Gaurāṅga's lotus feet, the worship of which destroys the darkness that fills this world of birth and death, Vallabhācārya offered arghya.

130. To Lord Gaurāṅga, who gave a royal throne to King Indra, Vallabhācārya offered a brāhmaṇa's seat.

131. To the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is arrayed in celestial yellow garments, Vallabhācārya offered a simple cloth. To hear of it I tremble with fear.

132. Beginning with the yajña, the rituals were performed one after the other. At the end everything was complete.

133. No one is fortunate like Vallabhācārya. He gave his daughter to the master of Vaikuṇṭha.

134. How can I describe Vallabhācārya's great good fortune? In his home the Supreme Personality of Godhead enjoyed a feast of the five kinds of delicious foods.

135. Alone together in a private room, the bride and groom enjoyed a feast. In that room eventually hundreds and hundreds of saintly ladies gathered.
136. Group after group of young girls stayed at the Lord's side. They were in front and also behind. They completely surrounded Lord Viśvambhara.
137. Seeing the smiling moon of the Lord's face rise before them, the girls felt the darkness of their shyness flee far away.
138. In that wedding meeting one girl spoke playful puns. Overcome by Lord Gaura's glories, everyone joked and laughed.
139. One girl said: "Listen, O Viśvambhara. Give these betelnuts to Lakṣmīpriyā just as she is about to fall asleep.
140. "Personally place them in her mouth. Now all her friends may look at her with happy hearts."
141. Another girl said: "Who is fortunate like Lakṣmīpriyā? She has Viśvambhara for her husband.
- 142-143. "What austerities did she perform? What vows did she follow? What charity did she give? How did she worship the devas? How did she struggle to attain spiritual knowledge? How was she

saintly and chaste that now on this earth she may
gaze on Viśvambhara's handsome form?

144. "Viśvambhara's handsome face defeats
Kāmadeva. He is the thief that has stolen the jewel
heart of the proudest and most glorious girl.

145. "His strong arms defeat Kāmadeva's staff. Filled
with longings, His beautiful bride rests on His chest.

146. "Lakṣmīpriyā will enjoy glorious pastimes on His
every limb. But when will I be able even to touch
Him?

147. "My desire is that some day I will become the
maidservant of Gaurāṅga and Lakṣmīpriyā. Then I
will serve my Lord Gaurāṅgacandra."

Song 23 (Varāḍi rāga)

Refrain: O! Lord Gaurāṅgacandra is my very life!

148. The Lord and His associates enjoyed many
pastimes in this way. Then dawn came. The Lord

performed His morning duties.

149. On the day after His wedding the Lord performed the kuśaṇḍikā ritual. He offered a great feast to the brāhmaṇas. Then He performed His own brahminical duties.

150. All this He did on that day. On the following day He returned to His home. The narration is spoken in that way.

151. With a happy heart Lord Gaura returned to His home, where He worshiped His kinsmen with offerings of gold and silver.

152. Lord Gaura sat. Lakṣmīpriyā sat by His side on the same seat. The ladies surrounded Them on four sides.

153. Vallabhācārya's heart was both happy and sad. When They left his house, he blessed the bride and groom.

154. To his son-in-law he gave dūrvā grass, grains, fragrances, garlands, betelnuts, and sandal. Then he said:

155. "I have no wealth. I am worthless like a pile of ashes. I am not fortunate. What proper gift can I give to You? How can I be worthy to be Your

kinsman?

156. "Your mercy to me is my only virtue. By accepting my daughter You have made me fortunate.

157. "O Lord, what can I say to You? How can I be worthy to be Your kinsman? By Your own glorious mercy You have become my son-in-law.

158. "Now that I have taken shelter of Your fearless lotus-feet, Yamarāja will never trouble me.

159. "Now that I have given my daughter to You, the devas and pitās are certainly pleased with me.

160. "The feet I now worship Brahmā, Śiva, and all the demigods worship in a trance of meditation.

161. "Now I will say something more. Please listen, O Viśvambhara." As he spoke these words his throat became choked with emotion.

162. Tears pushed by emotion flowed from his eyes. Taking Lakṣmīpriyā's hand, he placed it in Lord Viśvambhara's hand.

163. "I give Lakṣmīpriyā to You. From today on she is Yours. Please know this. Now it is for You to maintain and protect her.

164. "In my home she was always like a queen. From today on she is Your maidservant.

165. "In my home she was always very free and independent. From her mother she would always demand very opulent foods.

166. "In my home she was always affectionately hugged by her mother and father. She came and went as she liked.

167. "Everyone was always very affectionate to Lakṣmīpriyā. I had no son. In my home my one daughter is everything to me.

168. "What can I say? I am Your follower. Overcome with a father's love, I have spoken these words.

169. "With a bewildered heart I spoke these words. What could I do? I was bewildered by māyā, by the māyā of which You are the master.

170. "In the three worlds no girl is fortunate like my Lakṣmīpriyā. Overcome with love, I speak these words."

171. His lamenting eyes red like the rising sun, Vallabhācārya spoke these words.

172. His beloved on His left, Lord Viśvambhara departed. Accompanied by Lakṣmīpriyā, He

ascended a carriage.

173. Conchshells and dundubhī drums sounded. There were shouts of "Jaya! Jaya!" Many different musical instruments were sounded. Everyone was tossed by waves of bliss.

174. Brāhmaṇas chanted the Vedas. Poets recited poems. Before the Lord dancers danced. Everyone was plunged in an ocean of bliss that had no shore.

175. Surrounded by His friends, the Lord proceeded on the pathway. Flying in outer space in their celestial airplanes, the demigods followed as the Lord proceeded.

176. Śacī and the married ladies were filled with bliss. With joy and wonder Śacī celebrated a great festival for her son.

177. Auspicious waterpots with twigs and coconuts adorned her door.

178. At an auspicious moment Lord Gaura returned home. With glistening ghee-lamps He was offered āratī.

179. The ladies offered āratī to Him. There was singing, dancing, and a great tumult of "Jaya Jaya!"

180. Many different musical instruments were played. Everyone was plunged in an ocean of bliss that had no shore. Śacī's home was filled with delight.

181. Auspicious sounds arose. The bliss was great. Holding Lakṣmīpriyā's hand, Lord Gaura entered His home.

182. Śacī-devī embraced her son and daughter-in-law. Offering Them a gift of grains and dūrvā grass, she said: "May You both live long."

183. She kissed her son's face and drank in the sight of her new daughter-in-law. Then she kissed her daughter-in-law's face and gazed at her son.

184. Śacī's home was filled with bliss. In this way Locana dāsa sings this song glorifying Lord Gaura.

Kaiśora-līlā-Prabhura Baṅga-vijaya

Kaiśora Pastimes-The Lord's Glorious Journey to East Bengal

Song 24 (Śrī rāga)

Refrain: O, please gaze at the wonderful Deity of
Navadvīpa!

1. Everyone please hear this story of another day.
Lord Viśvambhara's glories are eternally new and
fresh.
2. Accompanied by His friends Lord Viśvambhara
went at sunset to the beautiful riverbank to see the
Gaṅgā.
3. On both banks of the river brāhmaṇas and saintly
devotees again and again offered obeisances and
prayers to the Gaṅgā.
4. Waterpots at their hips, the village ladies came.
With open mouths they gazed at Goddess Gaṅgā.
5. A shoreless sea of miśras, ācāryas, bhaṭṭas, and
pañḍitas came. How many saintly, pious men came?
- 6-7. Many people came to the Gaṅgā's banks, fell
down like sticks to offer obeisances, and gazed at the
Gaṅgā's pure waters. With many offerings of
flowers, fragrances, sandal, garlands, and splendid

bananas, Goddess Gaṅgā was worshiped by children, adults, and teenage boys and girls.

8. Goddess Gaṅgā, who purifies the three worlds, flowed with great speed and force. Overcome with love for Lord Gaura, Goddess Gaṅgā could not restrain herself.

9. Goddess Gaṅgā rose. Her waters increased. All along her banks she made a great sound. She touched Lord Gaura's body.

10. Yearning to touch Lord Gaura again and again, Goddess Ganga overflowed. Thinking of these events, the people began to doubt.

11. They thought: "Every day I see the Gaṅgā, but today it is unusual. It is very powerful. I hear it roaring.

12. "There are no rainclouds, but still the water has risen. The current is very swift."

13. Everyone thought in this way. Amongst them was a certain brāhmaṇa who was a great devotee of Goddess Gaṅgā.

14. By Goddess Gaṅgā's mercy this pure-hearted brāhmaṇa knew everything about the past, present, and future.

15. Seeing that the Gaṅgā was celebrating a great festival, this brāhmaṇa became joyful. He thought and thought of what was then occurring.

16. Suddenly he saw Lord Viśvambhara and His friends approach the Gaṅgā.

17. With great love the Lord gazed at the Gaṅgā. The hairs of His body stood erect. It was as if His body had doubled.

18. Tears flowed from the Lord's merciful eyes reddish like the rising sun. Seeing this, the brāhmaṇa gazed into his own heart.

19. "He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He is no other." Thinking and thinking in this way, he approached the Lord.

20. Approaching the Lord, the brāhmaṇa fell down like a stick to offer obeisances. He saw that the Lord was overcome with love for Goddess Gaṅgā.

21. Again and again the Lord remembered the Gaṅgā in His heart. Approaching, the Gaṅgā touched the Lord's hands.

22. By touching the Lord's hands, Goddess Gaṅgā felt her desires were not satisfied. On the pretext of

making a sudden wave, Goddess Gaṅgā then spoke words of greeting to welcome Lord Śaura's feet.

23. Filled with ecstasy, Lord Gaura shouted: "Haribol!" Overcome, and taking His associates with Him, Lord Gaura embraced Goddess Gaṅgā.

24. Filled with love, Lord Gaura was now red like the rising sun. Standing erect, the hairs of His body defeated the filaments of the kadamba flowers.

25. Filled with love, Goddess Gaṅgā embraced Lord Gaura to her chest. The tears from her eyes flowed towards the ocean in a hundred currents.

26. From pore after pore of the Supreme Lord's body, the water of the Gaṅgā flows. The people say it is the Supreme Lord's perspiration. The Gaṅgā is a rising ocean of ecstatic spiritual love. The Gaṅgā is the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself in a form of water.

27. In the four directions all the people shouted: "Hari! Haribol!" With blissful waves the Gaṅgā became a rising ocean of ecstatic love.

28. The people of Nadiyā were all filled with wonder. Only the brāhmaṇa devotee of the Gaṅgā understood the truth of these actions.

29. That brāhmaṇa saw that Viśvambhara is the Supreme Personality of Godhead and that the Gaṅgā overflowed as she gazed at Him with ecstatic love.

30. Falling at Lord Viśvambhara's feet, the brāhmaṇa, in a voice choked with emotion, said: "On this day Goddess Gaṅgā has truly given her mercy to me.

31. "With my own eyes I now see the Supreme Personality of Godhead, whom even the kings of the yogīs and the kings of the sages cannot see in their trance of meditation."

32. He rolled on the ground. He loudly wept. Overcome with the ecstasy of love, that brāhmaṇa forgot himself.

33. In the four directions all the people fell down like sticks. With open mouths they repeated what the brāhmaṇa had said.

34. Casting a glance at the brāhmaṇa overcome with ecstatic love, Lord Gaura, His heart filled with joy, returned to His own home.

35. Everyone please hear what the brāhmaṇa then

spoke, his words describing Goddess Gaṅgā's birth.

36. He said: "I will tell why Goddess Gaṅgā has now risen so high. Please listen carefully.

37. "One day Lord Śiva, chanting Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories, was filled with bliss.

38. "Nārada Muni came and also chanted Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories. Then Gaṇeśa came and played on a musical instrument. From head to feet the hairs of their bodies stood erect.

39. "The three of them together sang Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories. The waves of spiritual sounds that came from them broke the covering of the material universe.

40. "Nārada Muni played his vīṇā, Gaṇeśa played a musical instrument, and Lord Śiva sang. Then Lord Kṛṣṇa personally came there.

41. "Overcome with ecstasy, Lord Kṛṣṇa came there. Then Lord Śiva, Nārada Muni, and Gaṇeśa together sang Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories.

42. "Lord Kṛṣṇa said: 'Please don't sing like this. Lord Śiva, please listen. You don't know what happens when you sing like this.'

43. {sy 168y 'When you sing like this my body

cannot remain stable. My body will melt.'

44. "Hearing Lord Kṛṣṇa's words, lord Śiva laughed and said: 'I will see if that is the truth.'

45. "Then Lord Śiva began to sing with even more fervor. His singing filled the sky and the ground. It filled the whole material universe.

46. "Then Lord Kṛṣṇa's body began to melt. Frightened, Lord Śiva stopped singing.

47. "He stopped singing. He became peaceful and composed. The part of Lord Kṛṣṇa that melted became famous in the worlds as the water of Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy.

48. "That water of Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy became known as "drava-brahma" (the water form of the Supreme Personality of Godhead). Lord Kṛṣṇa affirms that spiritual water is a very holy place where pilgrims gather.

49. "That water is very rare, very rare in this world. Lord Brahmā carefully kept that water in his kamaṇḍalu.

50. "Later Lord Kṛṣṇa mercifully gave that water to Mahārāja Bali, who is a great devotee of the Lord.

51. "Lord Kṛṣṇa begged for as much land as He could walk in three steps. However, with His first two steps Lord Kṛṣṇa covered the three worlds.

52. "Lord Kṛṣṇa then placed His third step on Balī Mahārāja's head. Only Lord Kṛṣṇa is merciful in this way. No one else is merciful like Him.

53. "Please hear the wonderful glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa, who took three steps in this way. His mercy made everyone in the three worlds fortunate.

54. "The water flowing from His toenails filled the material universe. With great spiritual love the demigod Brahmā offered pādya to that water.

55. "Bowing his head, Brahmā worshiped that water flowing from Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. The people of this world therefore call the Gaṅgā 'Tripāda-sambhavā' (the water born from Lord Kṛṣṇa's third step).

56. "With your own eyes everyone please gaze at Lord Viśvambhara Mahāprabhu, who is the Supreme Lord Himself.

57. "Seeing the Lord, Goddess Gaṅgā remembered these pastimes. That is why, filled with love, she overflowed her banks.

58. "With eyes of love Lord Viśvambhara, whose fair limbs are sweeter than nectar, gazed at the Gaṅgā's waters.

59. "Then, on the pretext of making great waves, Goddess Gaṅgā touched Lord Viśvambhara's feet.

Goddess Gaṅgā explained all this to me."

60. Hearing these words, everyone became filled with joy. Thus Locana dāsa joyfully sings the glories of Lord Gaura.

Song 25 (Dhanaśī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: Circling and circling, the bees that are the Lord's devotees fly and land on the sweet lotus flowers of our Lord Gaura's feet.

Please hear these songs of Lord Gaura, songs full of wonderful stories, songs filled with the Lord's holy names so auspicious to hear.

61. In this way Lord Gaura passed many days in happy pastimes with His friends and kinsmen.

62. One day He suddenly thought: "To bring auspiciousness to the people I should visit East Bengal.

63. "Everyone says that country is the place rejected by the Pāñḍavas. Even though the Gaṅgā certainly flows there, there the people do not call her by the name Gaṅgā.

64. "By My touch the Padmāvatī River there will become glorious and fortunate. Except for Me, no one knows her glories."

65. In His heart thinking in this way, Lord Gaura said to His mother: "I will go to gather wealth."

66. Accompanied by His associates, Lord Gaura went to East Bengal. In this way He made Mother Śacī's heart restless and anxious.

67. Her heart troubled, Śacī said to her son: "One request I ask of You.

68. "To gather wealth You will go to a far country. I will not see You. How will I live?

69. "A fish cannot live without water. How can I live without You?

70. "Dear one, if I cannot see Your moonlike face I will surely die."

71. Hearing His mother's words, the Lord gently reassured her:

72. "Don't be afraid We will be separated. I will come back."

73. Smiling, He said to Lakṣmīpriyā: "Devotedly serve mother."

74. The Lord did not hear any more from His mother. Gently, gently smiling, He proceeded on His journey.

75. Accompanied by His associates, Lord Mahāprabhu began His journey. With a happy heart He traveled.

76. Wherever the Lord went, the people that saw Him became overwhelmed.

77. Never had their eyes seen anyone like Him. One person said: "I will gaze at Him day and night."

78. Seeing His face, the village ladies said: "Now our lives have borne their fruit. Now our eyes have borne their fruit."

79. "What fortunate mother carried Him in her

womb? Never have I seen any form handsome like His.

80. "What fortunate girl, by worshiping Śiva and Pārvatī, had the good fortune to have Him as her husband?

81. "The splendor of His limbs conquers new gold.
The stature of His body defeats Mount Sumeru.

82. "Never has a form like His been manifest on this earth. He is so gracefully decorated with a brāhmaṇa's thread."

83. Gazing at Lord Gaura's handsome smiling face,
the ladies were overcome with love. He invaded
their hearts. There He stayed.

84. One fortunate lady learned in the rasas could
understand the truth of Lord Gaura. She said:

85. "His long graceful eyes conquer the lotus flowers.
Wonderful are His graceful charming glances.

86. "When I gaze at Him I see He is like Rādhā's
beloved Kṛṣṇa, but I see now His limbs have Rādhā's
color."

87. When He bathed in the Padmāvatī, the touch of
His feet made it like the Gaṅgā.

88. Very gracefully decorated with many fish,

turtles, and crocodiles, the Padmāvatī very forcefully flowed between her banks.

89. On the banks stood all the brāhmaṇas and saintly devotees. At the ghāṭas divine men and women bathed.

90. When Lord Viśvambhara bathed in her waters the Padmāvatī became sanctified. When the people then bathed in her waters, all their sins were washed away.

91. If they did not blaspheme Vaiṣṇavas, the people who bathed in the Padmāvatī all attained pure loving devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet.

92. Gazing at Lord Gauracandra, the people on the Padmāvatī's banks made their eyes glorious and fortunate.

93. Wherever Lord Gaura-Harī wandered on the Padmāvatī's banks, the people, touching the ground where the Lord had placed His feet, all became pure devotees of the Lord.

94. By the touch of the Lord's cool feet, the earth goddess became cooled and refreshed. The hairs of her body stood erect with joy. All inauspiciousness

fled far away.

95. In this way the Lord carefully delovered the land of East Bengal. The stigma brought by the Pāñḍavas not visiting it was thrown far away.

96. Lord Gaura personally gave the chanting of Lord Hari's holy names to the cāṇḍālas, saints, sinners, lowly people, and everyone else. He begged them all to take it.

97. He did not consider whether they were pure or impure, whether their actions were good, or whether they were thoughtful and learned.

Everyone He carried to the farther shore of the ocean of birth and death.

98. Everyone he invited on His boat of nāma-saṅkīrtana (chanting of the holy names). He took them all to the farther shore of the ocean of birth and death. He begged them to come.

99. Anyone who tried to run away and escape, He grabbed and held in His arms. Placing them on His boat, He carried them to the farther shore of the ocean of birth and death.

100. In what yuga was such mercy given? I never heard of such mercy. What avatāra begged the

people to give Him their sins?

101. Lord Gaura made them all equally pure. He made them all qualified to attain pure ecstatic love for Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

102. He gave them all transcendental knowledge. In a month or half a month He made them all learned paṇḍitas.

103. Lord Gaura is the master of all the worlds. He is an ocean of kindness. By His mercy all the people became pure at heart.

104. As Lord Gaura was thus surrounded by saintly devotees, Lakṣmīpriyā and Śacī-devī remained in Navadvīpa.

105. Lakṣmīpriyā was chaste and devoted. Her husband was her whole life. She happily served Śacī-devī.

106. She cleaned the house. She dressed and decorated the family Deity. To the Deity she offered incense, lamps, food, scents, garlands, and sandal paste.

107. Lakṣmīpriyā kept everything in the Deity room very clean. Pleased by the virtues of her daughter-in-

law, Śacī forgot herself with joy.

108. Lakṣmīpriyā was affectionate to Śacī-devī and pleased by her association. The hairs of her body stood erect with joy.

Song 26 (Vibhāsa rāga)

109. In this way Śacī stayed with Lakṣmīpriyā. Still, what destiny commands no one can break into pieces.

110. Unable to see her husband, Lakṣmīpriyā was anguished at heart. Separated from Him, she always trembled.

111. That anguished separation then took the form of a serpent. This truth saintly Lakṣmīpriyā knew in her heart.

112. That great serpent bit Lakṣmīpriyā's ankle. Śacī-devī became frantic.

113. Lakṣmīpriyā burned with fever. Seeing this, Śacī-devī knew the danger was great.

114. She called for a snake-bite doctor, a doctor who

knew many mantras, herbs, and tantras.

115. He tried again and again. The doctor could not remove the poison. Śacī became very frightened.

She was filled with grief.

116. Seeing the time of death had come, she carefully took Lakṣmīpriyā to the Gaṅgā's waters and chanted Lord Hari's holy names.

117. Around Lakṣmīpriyā's neck she placed a tulasī necklace. Surrounding Lakṣmīpriyā on four sides, many people chanted Lord Hari's holy names.

118. Then Lakṣmīpriyā went to the Lord's spiritual abode. The people did not understand the events of that moment. Then everyone saw a great wonder.

119. Traveling on the pathways of the sky, a gandharva brought a celestial airplane to that place. Chanting "Haribol!", Lakṣmīpriyā left her body and went to the spiritual world.

120. Lakṣmīpriyā, who was a plenary expansion of Goddess Lakṣmī, returned to Vaikuṇṭha. Seeing all this, everyone was filled with wonder.

121. Arriving in the city of Vaikuṇṭha's king, Lakṣmīpriyā went to her own palace. She was

effulgent with glorious beauty. She was endowed with all opulences.

122. Stricken with grief, Śacī-devī wept. The ladies around her chanted Lakṣmīpriyā's glories.

123. Tears streaming from her eyes soaked her bodice. Striking her head with her hands, she sighed with grief and said:

124. "Lakṣmīpriyā had all virtues, all noble character, and all beauty. In the villages of Nadiyā no girl was her peer.

125. "How can I return home alone? First you touched me with your mercy. Now you have forgotten me.

126. "You carefully served our Deities. You were always faithful and obedient to me. How can I return home without you?

127. "From today my house is a barren desert. You married Viśvambhara. Now you are no longer at His side.

128. "O sinful snake, where are you now? Instead of my daughter-in-law, why did you not bite me?

129. "Commanding my daughter-in-law to serve me, my son went to a far-away country.

130. "Now I am very unfortunate. How will I look at my son's face? How, now unable to see my daughter-in-law, will I remain alive?"

131. Seeing her stricken with grief, Śacī-devī's friends said to her: "Śacī-devī, please stop lamenting.

132. "When the destined moment comes, then one must die. This whole material world and every material body in it are all made of the Lord illusory potency.

133. "Who must explain all this to you? You know all this. Hearing these words and understanding them, why do you not awaken your heart from its slumber of grief?

134. "What person who has a material body will not die? Even Brahmā and the demigods must die.

135. "Some die soon and others late, but all must die. Everyone is born and dies.

136. "Lord Kṛṣṇa is the only eternal reality. This we know from the Vedas. Anyone who does not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa is a fool."

137. Speaking these words, Śacī's friends consoled her. Together chanting "Haribol!", they stopped her

weeping.

138. After performing the appropriate pious rituals,
the women returned to their homes.

139. Weeping and weeping, Śacī returned to her home. Her friends gathered there and consoled her.

140. After staying for some days in East Bengal, with a joyful heart Lord Viśvambhara returned home.
141. Bringing gifts of silver, gold, pearls, coral, and costly garments, He worshiped the Vaiṣṇavas without end.

142. Bringing great wealth, the Lord returned to His home. He happily gave all that wealth to His mother.

143. First the Lord bowed down. Then He gazed at His mother's face. Her face withered with grief, Śacī spoke not a word.

144. Taking the dust from her feet, Lord Viśvambhara again gazed at His mother's withered face and then spoke some words.

145. To His mother He offered the wealth He had brought. Filled with wonder, the Lord gently, gently said:

146. "Why do I see that your face is withered with

grief? When I see your face withered with grief, My
heart becomes alight with flames of suffering."

147. Hearing these words, Śacī tried to speak, but
her voice was choked with grief. Tears streaming
from her eyes soaked her bodice.

148. She had no power to say even a word. Her voice
was choked with grief. Finally she said: "My
daughter-in-law went to Vaikuṇṭha."

149. Hearing these words, the Lord felt His heart
become withered with grief. Tears of grief flowed
from His eyes.

150. To His mother the Lord said: Please hear My
words. I will tell you why she took birth in this
world.

151. "One time, by the arrangement of destiny, one
of Indra's apsarās stumbled as she danced.

152. "The rhythm of the dance broken, Indra cursed
the dancer, saying: 'Go to the earth and take birth
in a human home.'

153. "After speaking this curse, Indra became
compassionate and said: 'You won't suffer. You have
a great mission to fulfill.'

154. "The Supreme Personality of Godhead will descend to the earth. You will become His bride.

This benediction I give to you.

155. {sy 168y 'When your mission is fulfilled, you will return to Indrapuri. Now I have told you everything. Laksmipriya is a beautiful dancing girl in Indra's court.

156. "Therefore please don't lament any more. O mother, please listen. No one can rub out what fate has written."

157. Carefully hearing her son's words, Śacī did not lament any more in her heart.

158. Comforted, Śacī had a change of heart. Satying amongst the devotees, the Lord told of His journey.

159. After He spoke Lord Viśvambhara became thoughtful. He spoke of many things, but He carefully concealed those thoughts in His heart.

160. I, Locana dāsa, speak these words. Please hear this wonderful account of Lord Gaurāṅga's pastimes, an account that includes this description of Lakṣmīpriyā's ascension to Svarga.

Kaiśora-līlā-Prabhura Dvitiya-vivāha

Kaiśora Pastimes-The Lord's Second Wedding

Song 27 (Śrī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: In the villages of Nadīyā arose many joyful sounds of "O jewel of Lord Gaura! O moon of the brāhmaṇas!"

Glory, glory to Lord Gaura!

1. In Navadvīpa Lord Viśvambhara happily passed some days as Śacī's unmarried son.
2. He happily stayed amongst His friends and kinsmen. Still, sadness came to Śacī's heart.
3. Seeing there was no daughter-in-law in her home, she became very sad. In her heart she decided to arrange for Lord Viśvambhara's marriage.
4. In her heart she decided: "If there is a suitable girl, that would be good."

5. Meeting in private with a brāhmaṇa named Kāśīnātha, Śacī revealed the thoughts in her heart.

She said to him:

6. "Please go to Sanātana Paṇḍita's house and tell him these words I now say to you.

7. "My son has good character and all virtues. He would, if you agree in your heart, be a good husband for your daughter."

8. Hearing Mother Śacī speak these words, the brāhmaṇa Kāśīnātha quickly departed.

9. The great brāhmaṇa Kāśīnātha went to visit Sanātana Paṇḍita at his house.

10. "Come in. Come in.", Sanātana Paṇḍita said. He offered his guest a seat. Smiling and smiling, he said:
"What is your mission?"

11. Kāśīnātha said: "Listen. Listen, O paṇḍita. I will tell you everything, everything that is right.

12. "You are learned in all the scriptures. You are the most fortunate person on the earth. What remains unknown to you?

13. "You are very religious. You are devoted to Lord Viṣṇu. You are intent on performing your duties as a brāhmaṇa.

14. "Viśvambhara's mother, Śacī, knows all this. She called for me and told me what was in her heart.
15. "She sent me with a message for you. Please listen carefully and I will repeat her words.
16. "To you I will repeat what was at the heart of her words. Please listen and do what you think is right.
17. "Viśvambhara would be a very suitable husband for your daughter. Now I have told you everything.
Please give your reply."
18. Hearing these words, Sanātana Paṇḍita considered them in his heart. Then he discussed them with his kinsmen.
19. Finally Sanātana Paṇḍita said to Kāśīnātha Paṇḍita: "Now I will say what is in my heart. Please listen, O great soul.
20. "Day and night I thought of this in my heart, but I had no courage to speak of it.
21. "Today is very auspicious. Today Lord Viśvambhara, who is a great treasure of virtues, will become my son-in-law.
22. "When Śacī-devī personally gives her consent, then I will know that I have become truly fortunate.

23. "Who is fortunate like me? I will offer my daughter to Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.
24. "By offering Him my daughter, I will worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead, whose lotus feet Brahmā and Śiva worship.
25. "Please go and place these words before Śacī-devī's feet:
26. {sy 168y 'When the proper day is decided I will send a brāhmaṇa with the news. Then you may make arrangements for the auspicious ceremony. "
27. When Sanātana Paṇḍita spoke these words, the great brāhmaṇa Kāśīnātha quickly departed.
28. Bowing before Śacī's feet, he told her everything.
29. Delighted, Śacī heard his words. Smiling, she began to arrange for her son's wedding.
30. Fortunate Śacī gathered many different articles for the wedding. On various pretexts she went to see her prospective daughter-in-law.
31. After some days Sanātana Paṇḍita sent a brāhmaṇa with the news.
32. To the brāhmaṇa he said: "Before Śacī's feet please place these words:

33. {sy 168ý `If you accept my proposal, I will become fortunate. Let this ceremony soon be performed.
34. {sy 168ý `By giving my daughter to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Kṛṣṇa, who has now become Śacī's son, I will become liberated from this world of birth and death."
35. After hearing these words, the brāhmaṇa went to Śacī's house. Approaching Śacī's feet, he said:
36. "Śrī Sanātana Paṇḍita sent me to give you this message from his heart:
37. {sy 168ý `If you accept my proposal, I will become fortunate. I will give my daughter to your son Viśvambhara."
38. Hearing this, delighted Śacī siad: "Excellent. Excellent. I agree. Please quickly arrange it."
39. Hearing these words, the delighted brāhmaṇa sweetly said:
40. "By attaining a husband like Viśvambhara, Viṣṇupriyā (dear to Lord Viṣṇu) will become worthy of her name
41. "In her heart she knows that she has now become like Rukmiṇī, who attained Lord Kṛṣṇa as her

husband."

42. Hearing these words, Śacī was delighted. Then the brāhmaṇa returned and repeated her words to Sanātana Paṇḍita.

43. Śrī Sanātana Paṇḍita was very pleased. He began to gather all that was needed for the wedding ceremony.

44. That noble-hearted soul gathered the ornaments and various articles needed for the adhvāsa ceremony.

45. Calling for an astrologer, he humbly said: "I will arrange Viṣṇupriya's wedding. Please determine the right moment.

46. The astrologer said: "Listen. Listen, O paṇḍita. As I was coming here, I accidentally met Viśvambhara.

47. "Seeing him, I became joyful at heart. Joking, I said to Him:

48. {sy 168y 'Soon Your auspicious adhvāsa ceremony will be performed. Then will come Your wedding. Please hear my words.'

49. "Hearing these words, Viśvambhara said: 'Where will be this wedding? Who are the bride and groom?'

50. "These words He directly spoke to me. Please consider them and then decide what you should do."

51. Hearing these words from thw astrologer's mouth, Sanātana Paṇḍita was no longer calm and peaceful.

52. Sanatana Pandita was very noble and generous.

Gathering his kinsmen, he considered what to do.

53. He said: "I gathered many ornaments and articles for the ceremony. How can I be faulted for what I did?

54. "I committed no offense. For no reason Lord Gaura-Harī has rejected my offer."

55. Speaking these words, he manifested the sadness that was then born birth in his heart. Flames burned in his heart. Then his wife spoke to him.

56. She was modest, saintly, chaste, devoted to her husband, and born in a very respectable family. She had all virtues and good character. She was devoted to Lord Viṣṇu.

57. Seeing her husband's sadness, she also became sad. Renouncing all shyness, she approached her husband and said:

58. "Because Viśvambhara will not consent to this ceremony, why would the people of Nadīyā find fault with you?

59. "If Viśvambhara, who is Lord Harī Himself, will not consent, what power have you to convince Him?

60. "He is the supremely independent Personality of Godhead. He is the master of all. Brahmā, Śiva, Indra, and all the demigods are His servants.

61. "Why would He become your son-in-law? Please meditate on Lord Kṛṣṇa's teachings and be peaceful at heart.

62. "You have no power to change things. You are sad for no reason. Please kill your sadness. I fear to speak these words."

63. When his wife spoke these words, Sanātana Paṇḍita covered his sadness.

64. Consulting with his friends and knsmen, he said: "Viśvambhara does not agree. How am I at fault?"

65. Saying this, he spoke no further. The brāhmaṇa and his wife were both sad at heart.

66. As he thought, sadness again was born in his heart. He thought: "O! O Lord Viśvambhara, You have embarrassed me.

67. "Glory, glory to the Supreme Lord who removed Draupadī's embarrassment and fear! Glory, glory to the Supreme Lord who rescued Gajendra from the crocodile's jaws!

68. "Glory, glory to the Lord who protected the Pāñdavas, rescued Rukmiṇī, and freed Ahalyā from her sins!"

69. In this way the brāhmaṇa spoke many prayers. Lord Gaurāṅga, the master of the worlds, knew all that had happened.

70. Hearing these prayers, Lord viśvambhara thought: "Why should he suffer like this in his heart?

71. "Two of My devotees are very unhappy at heart." Smiling and smiling, the Lord then playfully spoke these words:

72. From amongst His friends, he selected one especially dear friend. In private the Lord revealed His heart to him.

73. "Please go to Sanātana Pañdita's house. Pretend just to have a chat with him. What he will say I do not know.

74. "Tell him I was only joking when I told the astrologer I knew nothing of the wedding. Ask him:
why are you so upset?

75. "I have not rejected this wedding. It is not right
that you are both so sad at heart.

76. "I agree to the proposal he gave to My mother.
Why should I do otherwise?

77. "The idea that the wedding is cancelled is a lie.
The sadness in your heart is not right. Please
arrange for the wedding. That is what is right."

78. Lord Gaura sent the brāhmaṇa with that
message. The brāhmaṇa repeated it all to Sanātana
Miśra

Song 28 (Rāmakeli rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: O Hari! O Rāma! O Nārāyaṇa! O Śacī's son
splendid like gold!

79. Sanātana Pañdita became joyful at heart.
Happily he determined the auspicious day and time.

80. Learning of Lord Gaura's decision, he called an astrologer to his home and determined the auspicious day.

81. After careful analysis, the astrologer determined the auspicious day, time, lagna, tithi, and star.

82. At the time of the adhivāsa ceremony, the saintly sādhus, brāhmaṇas, and saj-janas met to bless Lord Gaura.

83. Delighted Śacī-devī met with the married ladies. To celebrate her son's wedding, she gave them many gifts.

84. She gave them oil and turmeric. On their foreheads she placed red sindūra. She gave them bananas, sandeśa, khadira, and betelnuts.

85. The married ladies sang auspicious songs. The brāhmaṇas also attended Lord Gaura's adhivāsa ceremony.

86. The brāhmaṇas recited the Vedas. Conchshells were sounded. Mṛdaṅgas, paṭāhas, and other musical instruments were played.

87. From the four directions the ladies chanted, "Jaya! Jaya!" The Lord's adhivāsa ceremony was very

glorious.

88. The brāhmaṇas were worshiped with gifts of glorious ornaments, fragrances, garlands, sandal paste, and betelnuts mixed with camphor.

89. At that time faithful Śrī Sanātana Pañdita was very joyful at heart.

90. By sending some saintly brāhmaṇas and their wives as his representatives, in his heart he observed the adhvāsa ceremony of his prospective son-in-law.

91. Then he observed his daughter's adhvāsa ceremony. Her limbs glistened with many jewel ornaments.

92. At the time of the adhvāsa ceremony he rightly worshiped the devas and pitās. The calls of "jaya! Jaya!" had no end.

93. The brāhmaṇas recited the Vedas. Conchshells were sounded. Mṛdaṅgas, patāhas, and other musical instruments were played.

94. In this way the two adhvāsa ceremonies were performed. At dawn of the next day Lord Gaura arose.

95. He performed His morning duties, bathed in the

Gaṅgā, and performed the nāndīmukha and śrāddha ceremonies.

96. He carefully worshiped the devas and pitās.

Then, to prepare for His wedding, He bathed again.

97. A barber came and did his barber's work. The saintly ladies anointed His limbs with fragrances.

98. Bliss filled Nadīyā's villages. Everything was very auspicious for Lord Viśvambhara's wedding.

99. Then the limbs of Lord Viśvambhara Rāya Mahāprabhu were dressed in glorious garments.

100. He was decorated with glistening jewel ornaments and dressed in garments with a red border. A very fragrant breeze came from Lord Gaura's limbs.

101. His limbs were naturally fragrant. To that many other glorious fragrances were added. The forehead on His glorious moonlike face was decorated with sandal tilaka.

102. His fingernails and toenails shone like a line of moons. Rings glistened on His fingers. His body was so effulgent no one could bear even to look at Him.

103. His thighs were graceful. His lips were like

bimba fruits. Flower earrings rested on His ears and cheeks.

104. He wore bracelets, armlets, and anklets. Gazing at Him, the ladies felt their hearts tremble.

105. Meanwhile, in his house Sanātana Pañdita decorated his daughter with many jewel ornaments.

106. She was dressed in exquisite garments, decorated with flower garlands, and anointed with sandal and fragrances. Even without ornaments her limbs were glorious and effulgent.

107. Viṣṇupriyā's limbs defeated millions of golden arrows. She was like lightning personified.

108. Her braids defeated the most glorious black serpents. She had the power to enchant the hearts of the greatest sages. Who can speak any metaphor that can properly describe the red sindūra anointing her head?

109. Her charming eyebrows defeated the bow held by the archer Kāmadeva. Her graceful nose defeated the parrot's beak.

110. Her eyes defeated the doe's eyes. Her ears defeated the ḡṛdhinī bird's ear.

111. Her peerless glorious lips defeated the bāndhūlī

flower. Her glistening teeth defeated pearls.

112. Her neck, which charmed every heart in the world, defeated the conchshell. Her graceful neck defeated the lion's neck.

113. Her arms defeated the splendid grace of golden lotus stems. Her palms defeated the red lotus flower.

114. Her charming fingers defeated campaka buds. Her glistening fingernails and toenails defeated a host of moons.

115. Her graceful breasts defeated Mount Sumeru.

Her hair defeated the lion's mane.

116. Her hips defeated the great wheels on Kāmadeva's chariot. Her thighs defeated the graceful banana trees.

117. Her great beauty defeated everything created by Brahmā in the three worlds. Her glorious hands and feet defeated the red lotus flowers.

118. Her splendid fingernails and toenails defeated a host of spotless moons. Glistening splendor took its birth on her eyes and on her limbs.

119. She was decorated with splendid garments and with garlands, fragrances, and sandal. Even without

ornaments, the splendor of her limbs filled the whole country.

120. She charmed the three worlds. She defeated even Goddess Pārvatī. Her limbs and ornaments filled the earth with light.

121. At the appropriate auspicious moment, Sanātana Paṇḍita sent a brāhmaṇa messenger to bring the bridegroom.

122. Standing before the Lord Gaura, the brāhmaṇa messenger humbly spoke.

123. Gazing at Lord Gaura's effulgent limbs, the brāhmaṇa thought of how he and Sanātana Paṇḍita had become very fortunate.

124. The brāhmaṇa said: "Please listen, O Viśvambhara. The auspicious moment has come. Please hurry.

125. "What can I say as I stand before You? You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I now see the Supreme Lord standing before me.

126. Gently, gently smiling, Lord Viśvambhara sat on a palanquin and, at the auspicious moment, departed.

127. Śacī and the married ladies gave Him their

blessings. The Lord took the dust from His mother's feet and placed it on His head.

128. Conchshells, dundubhis, bherīs, kāhālas, daṇḍimas, muharis, and diṇḍimas all sweetly sounded.

129. Vīṇās, flutes, vilāsas, rabābs, upāṅgas, and pākhowājas joyfully sounded together.

130. Padāhas, mṛdaṅgas, kāṁsyas, karatālas, bugles, and śanais all sounded together.

131. Many different musical instruments were played. I do not know all their names. Before the Lord dancers danced and reciters recited the Vedas.

132. Singers sang songs, and poets recited poems. Accompanied by His friends, the Lord proceeded.

133. From home after home the people, waving their arms, ran to see Lord Gaura.

Song 29 (Vihāgaḍā rāga)

134-135. Wearing glorious silk saris and glorious silk

bodices, glorious earrings on their ears, their hair gracefully tied, wearing necklaces of pearls and gold, and rejecting red cosmetics, the beautiful, beautiful, beautiful young girls of Nadiyā were plunged in an ocean of bliss. Running to see Lord Viśvambhara's wedding, they sang very auspicious songs.

136. Some had glorious silk garments in disarray.

Some had a regal-scented campaka flower decorating an ear. They were graceful like regal elephants. With doe eyes they cast crooked glances in different directions. They did not know where to go.

137. Decorated with black añjana, their restless eyes were like khañjana birds. Their anointed with the ointment of Lord Gaura's form, they would not go anywhere but to Him.

138. Hearing them coming, in village after village the girls ran behind them. Some still had a comb in their hair. Some had not finished arranging their garments.

139. The girls abandoned their pearllike husbands. They abandoned their families and kin. They paid no attention to their garments and ornaments. They

became like wild women.

140. They were like a host of stationary lightning flashes, or swans, or autumn moons. Row after row after row, they held hands.

141. Men and women ran. As if they had only one mouth, no one spoke what was in his heart. Pushing and shoving, they ran like wild people to see Lord Gaurāṅga's face.

142. The young, old, blind, lame, frail, and sick all yearned to see Lord Gaura. They were not shackled to each other. Still, the friends continued to hold each other's hands as they ran.

143. Filled with Kāmadeva's desires, the girls gazed at Lord Gaura's face. They became wild to see Him. Row after row of birds and animals stood, gazing at Lord Gaura.

144. Lord Gaura was surrounded by His friends. He was decorated with glistening ornaments. A crown was on His forehead. Locana dāsa says: The girls were delirious. The doors of their hearts were broken open.

Song 30 (Varādi rāga-Dhūlāpelājāta)

145. In this way Lord Viśvambhara arrived at Sanātana Pañdita's house. Now become like an ocean of joy, the pañdita approached the Lord and offered pādya and arghya. Glorious glorious was Śacī's son.

146. After offering pādya and arghya he placed Lord Gauracandra under a canopy. Everyone chanted: "Hari!" Though hundreds and hundreds of lamps shone brilliantly, Lord Gaura's glorious body defeated their splendor.

147. The married ladies made a joyous tumult. Conchshells, dundubhis, and musical instruments sounded. Dressed in splendid silk saris, the married ladies circumambulated the Lord.

148. The married ladies stood before the Lord and offered ārati. Then the bride was brought before Him. Gazing at Lord Viśvambhara, who was decorated with the jewels of all transcendental virtues, the ladies became filled with bliss. They

thought their feet no longer touched the ground.
150. In her heart Viṣṇupriyā's mother thought of
Lord Gaura-Hari. She thought: "My daughter
Viṣṇupriyā is very suitable for Him."

151. One married lady offered āratī with a jewel
lamp. Lord Gaura's limbs shone with great splendor.
Smelling the fragrance of the Lord's limbs, the ladies
struggled to keep their hearts from going wild with
bliss.

152. Seven times the ladies circumambulated Lord
Gauracandra. With yougurt they washed His lotus
feet. Sanātana Paṇḍita gave gifts of splendid
garments and splendid ornaments to the
bridegroom.

153. The bridegroom's limbs he anointed with
splendid fragrances and sandal. On the bridegroom's
neck he placed a mālatī garland.

154. The Lord's body was graceful like a Mount
Sumeru with the celestial Gaṅgā cascading in two
streams down both its sides. Gazing at His body
decorated with a mālatī garland, the Sanātana
Paṇḍita felt the hairs of His stand erect with joy.

155. Then Sanātana Pañdita, the jewel of the brāhmaṇas, commanded that his daughter be brought there. Sitting on a jewel throne, she was the most beautiful girl in the three worlds. Her limbs were efulgent like lightning.

156. Viṣṇupriyā, who charmed the hearts of the world, and whose namesake was Goddess Mahā-Lakṣmī, was brought before the Lord. With restless crooked glances she gazed at Lord Gaurāṅga's face. She gently, gently smiled. She was beyond compare.

157. Seven times she circumambulated the Lord. With folded hands she offered obeisances. When a curtain was drawn around Them, They gazed at each other with Their four eyes. Then They enjoyed flower pastimes.

158. From everyone joyous shouts of "Hari! Hari!" arose. The bride and groom stood under a canopy.

Everyone said: "Glorious! They are glorious!" Someone said: "They are like Candra and Rohiṇī". Someone else said: "They are like Śiṭa and Pārvatī." 159. Gently smiling, Lord Viśvambhara then sat on a throne. Then Sanātana Pañdita offered his daughter to the Lord's lotus feet.

160. Everything was rightly done. Many gifts were given. The bride and groom sat on the throne together. During that wedding ritual in Sanātana Paṇḍita's home, the bride and groom enjoyed a meal together.

161. Joyful at heart, the married ladies offered Them betelnuts and camphor. With their eyes they gazed at Śrī Gaurāṅgacandra Harī as He sat in that room.

162. In their hearts the ladies thought: "Today Viśvambhara and Viṣṇupriyā sit in this house.

Viṣṇupriyā is actually Goddess Lakṣmī, and Viśvambhara is actually Lord Viṣṇu. They have both come to this earth."

163. The ladies thought many thoughts like this. Many splendid garlands they placed around Lord Viśvambhara's neck. The Lord fulfilled every desire in their hearts.

164. One lady anointed the Lord's limbs with sandal and fragrances. Touching the Lord, she became wild with bliss. Another lady enjoyed a conversation with the Lord. Overcome with bliss, another lady fell to the ground. The desires of her life were all

fulfilled.

165. Another lady offered betelnuts to the Lord. Another lady offered a handful of flowers to the Lord's feet. In her heart she thought: "Birth after birth I offer myself to You, O Lord."

166. In this way the night passed. The Supreme Lord, who is adorned with the jewels of all virtues, was thus gloriously manifest before the married ladies. At dawn Lord Viśvambhara, who possesses the treasure of all virtues, performed His morning duties. On that day He performed the kuśaṇḍikā ritual.

167. On the following day the Lord sat down and said: "Now I will return to My home." On the pretext of offering gifts, the Lord's associates worshiped Him. There were sounds of conchshells and great sounds of "Jaya! Jaya!"

168. Sanātana Pāṇḍita and his wife offered gifts of sandal paste, betelnuts, and flower garlands to the newly married couple. On the couple's heads they placed durvā grass and rice paddy. Saying, "May You both live long", they offered their blessings.

169. Her heart trembling, Goddess Viṣṇupriyā gazed

at her mother and father. She humbly spoke in a voice filled with emotion.

170. Sad at heart, Sanātana Pañḍita said to the Lord: "What can I say to You? It is only by Your mercy that I may give my daughter to You. How can I be qualified to give any gift to You?

171. "This I say: I am fortunate to have You as my son-iu-law. My whole house is fortunate. Today I place my Viṣṇupriyā at Your lotus feet." With a voice choked with emotion he spoke these words.

172. Tears streamed from his eyes. His eyes and face were red. He spoke with a choked voice. Into Lord Viśvambhara's hand he placed Viṣṇupriyā's hand.

Tears streamed from his eyes.

173. Then, at an auspicious moment, the Lord ascended a palanquin. Everyone was joyful at heart. Many musical instruments played. Mṛdaṅgas and conchshells sounded. Calls of "Hari!" filled the sky.

174. Dancers danced before the newlyweds. The virtuous people were all there. As the people chanted "Jaya! Jaya!", the Lord traveled on His palanquin. Finally He came to His own home.

175. Joyful Śacī and the married ladies offered āratī to the newlyweds. Everyone made auspicious sounds of "Jaya! Jaya!" Everuone chanted "Hari!" They all offered many gifts.

176. Auspicious pots were placed before hte Lord. Poets recited poems. Brāhmaṇas chanted the Vedas. At the auspicious moment, taking Viṣṇupriyā by the hand, the Lord entered His home.

177. Overcome with bliss and love, Śacī embraced Viśvambhara. She kissed His moonlike face.

Surrounded by the married ladies, and overcome with bliss, Śacī embarced her daughter-in-law.

178. She could not contain the bliss she felt. The people offered many gifts. Seeing that Viśvambhara and Viṣṇupriyā were now joined together, everyone was delighted and satisfied. In this way Locana dāsa sings Lord Gaura's glories.

Kaiśora-līlā-Prabhura Gaya‘-yātrā

Kaiśora Pastimes-The Lord's Pilgrimage to Gaya‘

Song 31 (Varāḍi rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: O! He who is the moon of the brāhmaṇas is my very life!

1. Lord Mahāprabhu joyfully stayed with His friends and kinsmen.
2. Talking amongst themselves, the brāhmaṇas of Navadvīpa agreed that Viśvambhara is glorious, glorious.
3. Lord Viśvambhara, the jewel of persons, taught His students and performed the rituals followed by a pious man.
4. In philosophy and debate Viśvambhara defeated even Brhaspati. Viśvambhara was the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself. Who has the power to praise Him enough?
5. Who has the power to describe the glories of His students? They studied under the guru of all the worlds.
6. Lord Viśvambhara is the beloved of millions of

Sarasvatīs. By His mercy everyone tasted the nectar of scholarship and became a pandita.

7. In this way Lord Viśvambhara taught the people.

Then in His heart He thought: "I will go to Gayā.

8. "I will go to Gayā and offer piṇḍa to My ancestors. I will bow down before the Deity of Lord Gadādhara and before the footprints of Lord Viṣṇu."

9. As the Lord thought in this way, a group of brāhmaṇa pilgrims came to Navadvīpa.

10. Flames rose in Śacī's heart. She approached her son. She sighed heavily. Her words were choked with emotion.

11. She said: "Viśvambhara, please listen. If You go on pilgrimage, then I will not see You. Then blinding darkness will fill my house.

12. "I am a blind person and You are the star that lights my eyes. You are the soul and I the body. I cannot live without You.

13. "You will go to deliver Your ancestors. What can I say to You?"

14. When Mother Śacī said this, the Lord comforted her with sweet words:

15. The Lord said: "Mother, please know I will stay

with you at every moment.

16. "Every son must offer pīḍā. Please be kind and give Me permission. Don't lament." Then Śacī said to Him:

17. "With a happy heart You may join these pilgrim brāhmaṇas." In this way Lord Viśvambhara went on pilgrimage to Gayā.

18. On whatever path Śacī's son walked, all who saw Him felt their eyes filled with cooling pleasure.

19. Young, old, lame, and foolish all ran to see Him. Even the birds and beasts ran to see Him. Tears streamed from every eye.

20. Abandoning their families, saintly ladies ran to see Him. Everyone said: "Look! Look! There is Lord Harī of Vraja!"

21. Saying this, they ran after the Lord. They did not bind their hair. They became like wild people. This happened as the Lord traveled from place to place.

22. On every path everyone ran after Him in this way. Everyone floated in a nectar ocean of ecstatic love.

23. In one place Lord Gaura-Harī saw a stag and a doe playing.
24. Seeing the stag and doe's playing, the Lord gave out a mocking, mocking laugh, as if He were mocking the actions of ordinary men.
25. He said: "Animals are wild with greed, illusion, lust, and anger. Any human who does not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa is like those animals."
26. Surrounded by His companions, the Lord mocked humans whose intelligence is like that of the animals.
27. He said: "In an animal's body knowledge of Kṛṣṇa is not possible. Any human who does not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa is an animal. This I say."
28. Teaching in this way, the guru of the worlds traveled on the path. Lord Viśvambhara was like a kalpa-vṛkṣa tree.
29. Coming to the river that bears the name Cira, the Lord bathed and performed pious rituals.
30. Happily He worshiped the demigods and pitās. Then He entered a temple to see the Deity.
31. After worshiping the Deity, Lord Viśvambhara quickly descended a hill. Near the hill was a

brāhmaṇa's home.

32. At that time one of the brāhmaṇas in the Lord's group of pilgrims, seeing the brāhmaṇas of that place, in his heart found fault with them.

33. Although the actions of the brāhmaṇas in that place were certainly proper and righteous, when he saw them, that brāhmaṇa thought these people were not true brāhmaṇas.

34. Seeing this person did not respect the brāhmaṇas, Lord Viśvambhara revealed the devotion his heart bears for the brāhmaṇas.

35. Suddenly a great fever blazed in the Lord's body. Seeing the fever, everyone became afraid at heart.

36-37. The Lord said: "Listen. Listen everyone. Did I commit an offense when I worshiped the demigods and pitās? I do not know. Did I offend one of My fellow pilgrims? When offenses mar auspicious deeds the result is great suffering.

38. "Something must be done to stop this fever. If I drink water that has washed a brāhmaṇa's feet, My body will become cool again.

39. "Water that has washed a brāhmaṇa's feet

removes all sins. It will kill this fever. How can I
cure this fever by My own power?"

40. A brāhmaṇa from that place stood up and
washed his feet

41. When Lord Viśvambhara drank the water that
had washed that brāhmaṇa's feet, the fever fled far
away. In this way the Lord revealed to all His great
devotion to brāhmaṇas.

42. The brāhmaṇa who offended the brāhmaṇas of
that place then wisely said: "You saved Me from the
great sufferings that would have come from the
offense I committed in My heart.

43. "I thought these brāhmaṇas acted wrongly, and
therefore I offended them in my heart. You saved
me from the sufferings that would have come from
the offense in my heart.

44. "You revealed Your great devotion for the
brāhmaṇas. I am an offender. Please forgive my
offense.

45. "You are the Supreme Lord who dearly loves the
brāhmaṇas. You are the person most qualified to be
a devotee of the brāhmaṇas. On Your chest You
bear the mark of Bhṛgu Muni's foot.

46. "With Your own mouth You preach the glory of devotion to You. In this way You deliver the world.

47. "Glory to dear Lord Viśvambhara! Glory to the king of the brāhmaṇas! They who serve you attain all perfection.

48. "Obeisances to merciful Lord Gaura-Hari, who is dearly loved by the brāhmaṇas! Obeisances to the Lord who establishes the true religion!"

49. Hearing these words of His fellow pilgrim, the Lord forgave the offenses of all the pilgrims there.

50. He said: "The brāhmaṇas of this place worship Lord Kṛṣṇa. Do not shun them. Do not stay far away from them.

51. "Anyone who does not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa is not a true brāhmaṇa. The Purāṇas teach:

52. {.fn 2}caṇḍālo 'pī muneh śreṣṭho
viṣṇu-bhakti-parāyaṇah
viṣṇu-bhakti-vihīnas tu
dvijo 'pī śvapacādhamah

{.sy 168ý `A so-called outcaste who is devoted to Lord Viṣṇu is the best of sages, but a so-called brāhmaṇa who has no devotion to Lord Viṣṇu is the lowest outcaste.m "

53. After speaking these words, the Lord showed that He was satisfied with His brāhmaṇa companion. He kindly forgave that brāhmaṇa's offense.

54. In this way the Lord showed His devotion to the brahmanas. Again and again crossing holy rivers, the lord proceeded on His journey.

55. At these rivers He would bathe, worship the devas, perform pious rituals for His father's benefit, and then continue on His journey.

56. Then He came to a very holy place named Rājagiri. There He bathed at Brahma-kuṇḍa and gave charity.

57. There He worshiped the devas and pitās. Then He hurried to see Lord Viṣṇu's footprints.

58. There He met a sannyāsī who was a great devotee of the Lord, a sannyāsī named Iśvara Puri.

59. To Him Lord Viśvambhara offered obeisances

and said: "I am very fortunate to see your two feet."

60. Falling down before that sannyāsī's feet, and overcome with emotion, the Lord spoke these words.

Tears streamed from the Lord's merciful reddish eyes.

61. "How will I be able to cross the ocean of repeated birth and death? Please give Me devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet.

62. "I do not see any way to attain that devotion but by accepting initiation from a great devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa. All the words spoken by the Purāṇa's and by the mouths of the great devotees bear witness to this truth."

63. Hearing these words, in a secluded place Iśvara Purī repeated to the Lord the mahā-mantra.

64. Thus attaining Lord Kṛṣṇa's mahā-mantra, Lord Viśvambhara felt bliss in His heart. The hairs of His body stood erect.

65. Tears streamed from His eyes. The hairs of His body stood erect. He called out: "Rādhā! Rādhā!" He was tossed by waves of bliss.

66. His heart became rapt in thinking of Vraja. His

heart was plunged in the sweet nectar of mādhurya-rasa.

67. His body became wild with the love Rādha' feels for Lord Kṛṣṇa. Loudly He called: "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!"

68. He called out: "Vṛndāvana! Govardhana!" and laughed. With great joy He roared: "Kālīndī! Yamunā!"

69. One moment He called out: "Balarāma! Śrīdāmā! Sudāmā!" The next moment He called out: "Nanda! Yaśodā!"

70. "White and dark surabhī cows!" He roared in a deep voice. The next moment He called out: "Gopī friends!" The Lord had became wild.

71. One moment üe placed a straw between His teeth and became like a servant. The next moment He was filled with pride. "I am He", He declared.

72. "I lifted Govardhana Hill. I killed Aghāsura. I killed Pūtanā and a host of demons."

73. The next moment He manifested a three-fold-bending form, a form with a flute at His mouth. From the four directions all who saw were filled with wonder.

74. Tears streamed from His eyes. His voice was

choked with emotion. With sweet words He said to His guru:

75. "By your mercy I have attained the goal of My life. From today My life of materialism has fled."

76. In this way the Lord showed the perfect example of devotion for one's guru. Then the Lord proceeded on His journey. Seeing the Phalgu river, he gently, gently smiled.

77. Remembering the pastimes He enjoyed there in ancient days, He felt both happy and said. Remembering Sītā-devī, He became wild with emotion.

78. He worshiped the devas and pitās. He bathed and gave charity. He offered piṇḍa to his forefathers.

79. To a brāhmaṇa He gave the remnants of what was offered to the pitās. Going south, He visited Udīcī.

80. Going north, He visited Jihvā-lola. There He worshiped the devas and pitās. He gave wealth in charity.

81. Happy at heart, He then came to Gayā. He was

very anxious to see Lord Viṣṇu's footprints.

82. On sixteen altars the Lord offered pīḍa. He longed to see Lord Viṣṇu's footprints.

83. Having performed all these rituals, with a happy heart He hurried to see Lord Viṣṇu's footprints.

84. With a happy heart He thought: "With My own eyes I will see Lord Viṣṇu's footprints."

85. In this way He approached Lord Viṣṇu's footprints. Joyfully falling down like a stick, He offered respectful obeisances.

86. Lord Gaurāṅga said: "Listen. Listen, everyone. In what way does My heart now gaze at Lord Viṣṇu's footprints?

87. "With My eyes I now see Lord Viṣṇu's footprints. Why, as I see Them, does ecstatic spiritual love not arise within Me?"

88. Saying these words, with a happy heart Lord Mahāprabhu performed an abhiṣeka of Lord Viṣṇu's footprints.

89. Then Lord Viśvambhara Harī manifested ecstatic devotion. O great devotees, please hear the ecstatic symptoms He manifested.

90. At the beginning of His manifestation of

ecstatic love, He trembled and the hairs of His body stood erect. Then flooding rivers of tears flowed from His eyes. The next moment He became stunned.

91. Overcome with ecstatic love, Lord Viśvambhara gazed at Lord Viṣṇu's footprints. Celebrating a great, great festival of ecatatic love, He danced.

92. Thus after offering piṇḍa at Gayā and after seeing Lord Viṣṇu's footprints, Lord Viśvambhara joyfully danced with His brāhmaṇa companions.

93. The next day in His heart He firmly decided to go on a journey to Mathurā.

94. To His brāhmaṇa companions He said: "You should all go to see Vṛndāvana."

95. Hearing this, the companions were stunned. They had little money to make the journey.

96. The Lord said to them: "A human being who tries to enjoy material pleasures must again be born in the material world. Not knowing this truth, the materialists are very eager to act for their material benefit.

97. "If one worships Lord Kṛṣṇa, then one's human

life is a great success. If one does not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa, then one drowns in an ocean of sorrows."

98. After giving these instructions, Lord Gaura-Hari left Gayā and began His journey to Vṛndāvana.
99. As He was traveling with His companions, a voice spoke from the sky.

100. Rumbling like a new cloud, to enlighten Lord Viśvambhara, the voice spoke these words:

101. "Listen. Listen, O Mahāprabhu Viśvambhara. Don't go to Vṛndāvana. Return to Your home.
102. "When You accept sannyāsa You will travel to many holy places. At that time You will go to Vṛndāvana."

103. With His own ears hearing this message from the demigods, Lord Viśvambhara ended the journey with His brāhmaṇa companions.

104. Lord Mahāprabhu journeyed to His own home. Walking and walking, His feet carried Him to Nadīyā.

105. Bidding farewell to His pilgrim companions, He entered His home. He bowed down before Mother Śacī's feet.

106. With a joyful heart Śacī embraced her son.

Tears of love and joy streamed from her two eyes.
107. The people of Nadiyā's villages joyfully ran to see the Lord. They trembled. The hairs of the bodies stood erect.

108. Waves of bliss tossed Viṣṇupriyā's heart. She had no power to hold the bliss that filled her body.

The bliss in her body had no end.

109. In this way Lord Gaura joyfully returned to His own home. Locana dāsa sings this song praising Lord Gaura's pastimes.

Song 32 (Varādi rāga)

Refrain; O! O moon of the brāhmaṇas!

110. The stories of the Lord's pastimes in Navadvīpa are very wonderful. Songs glorifying Lord Gauracandra are filled with nectar.

111. The Lord's pastimes in Nadiyā are beyond the touch of both the Vedas and ordinary custom.

Simply by hearing them everyone attains auspiciousness, ecstatic spiritual love, and spiritual joy.

112. Lord Śiva, Śukadeva Gosvāmī, Nārada Muni, Goddess Lakṣmī, and Lord Ananta think themselves fortunate to hear Lord Gaura's pastimes.

113. I myself am worthless like a pile of ashes. I am very unintelligent. I do not know the difference between good and bad, between day and night.

114. My deeds are like animals' deeds. I am the lowest person. This I say. This I write of myself.

115. The Gaura-avatāra is the best of all avatāras. In the towns of Nadīyā He preached the gospel of ecstatic spiritual love.

116. Bowing before the Vaiṣṇavas' feet, I beg: Please be kind. Please give me the power to describe Lord Gaura's glories.

117. Please don't hold me in contempt, saying: "You are very fallen." This fallen person takes shelter of you all.

118. Out of your own natural kindness, please be kind to me. Please be kind. Please give me the power to sing Lord Gaura's glories with my own mouth.

Please fulfill my desire.

119. I bow down before Lord Gaura's lotus feet and pray: Please give me a single sesame seed's worth of Your mercy. Please allow me to see You with my own eyes.

120. Śrī Narahari dāsa is my master. O master, I faithfully sing your glories.

121. I am lower than the lowest. I am a sinner. I am worthless like a pile of ashes. How can I be qualified to sing your glories?

122. I am not qualified. Please give me your mercy anyway. I yearn to sing your glories.

123. What will be, will be. That I must say. I carefully sing the glories of the Lord's confidential pastimes in Nadīyā.

124. I may understand them, or I may not understand them. Still, I yearn to describe the Lord's pastimes. In this way Locana dāsa concludes the Adi-khaṇḍa.

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Madhya-khaṇḍa

Song 1 (Karuṇa-Śrīrāga)

1. O life master of Naraharī and Gadādhara, please be kind to me. Please make Your auspicious glance fall upon me.
2. The Adī-khaṇḍa is concluded. Now the Madhya-khaṇḍa will begin. Whoever hears it will quickly attain a great treasure of ecstatic spiritual love.
3. Now I will speak the Madhya-khaṇḍa, which is full of nectar, and which describes the Lord's Nadīyā pastimes of preaching the gospel of ecstatic

love.

4. In the Madhya-khaṇḍa the Lord deliverd the sinners Jagāī and Mādhāī and gave them a gift of ecstatic spiritual love even the demigod Brahmā finds difficult to attain.

5. In the Madhya-khaṇḍa the Lord openly manifested the Harī-nāma-saṅkīrtana movement of chanting Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names, and in that khaṇḍa, to deliver the fallen people, the Lord accepted sannyāsa.

6. I will tell all these stories. The Madhya-khaṇḍa is full of nectar. Any person who hears it will find that the offenses in his heart are all destroyed.

7. with a hapoy heart the Lord returned to Nadiyā. Happily He stayed with His friends and kinsmen.

8-9. To the brāhmaṇa boys of Navadvīpa, boys whose actions were pure, boys who were the most pious and fortunate in the three worlds, Lord Viśvambhara personally gave transcendental knowledge.

10. To these boys, His students, Lord Gaura-Hari one day kindly said:

11. "Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet are the only truth you should study. One who knows that truth has devotion for Lord Kṛṣṇa.

12. Do not study any other truth the śāstras describe, any truth other than devotion to Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

13. "Persons intoxicated with pride in their learning, wealth, and honorable families do not attain Lord Kṛṣṇa. Only by devotional service does one easily attain Lord Kṛṣṇa, the king of the Yadus.

14. "Lord Kṛṣṇa is conquered by the nectar of devotional service. To prove this I quote these words from the śāstras (Padyāvalī 8):

15. {.fn 2}vyādhasyācaraṇam dhruvasya ca vayo
vidyā gajendrasya kim
kubjāyah kim u nāma rūpam adhikam kim tat
sudhāmno dhanam
vamśah ko vidurasya yādava-pater ugrasya kim
pauruṣam
bhaktyā tuṣyatī kevalam na ca guṇair bhakti-priyo
mādhavah

"Where was the hunter Dharma's piety, Dhruva's maturity, and Gajendra's knowledge? Where was Kubjā's beauty? Where was Sudāmā's wealth? Where was Vidura's noble birth? Where was Ugrasena's chivalrous strength? Lord Mādhava is pleased only by devotional service and not by material qualifications."

16. Teaching His students in this way, the Lord manifested the ecstatic spiritual love and bliss He felt.

17. One time, as He lay sleeping in His own home, He wept in the ecstasy of love for Lord Kṛṣṇa.

18. Overcome with the love Rādhā' feels, the Lord called out: "Now that He has gone to Mathurā, a weapon is plunged into My heart. Now I am dead.

19. "Wretch Akrūra, it was you who took My Kṛṣṇa away." Speaking in this way and weeping, the Lord was overcome with feelings of ecstatic love.

20. "Wicked-hearted Kubjā, you took My Kṛṣṇa

away. Ah! Kṛṣṇa was always a rake, a cheater, a thief of young girls hearts."

21. Speaking in this way, the Lord wept, His weeping like a great rumbling roar. the hairs of His body stood erect. His manifestation of ecstatic love was astonishing.

22. Astonished, Śacī asked Lord Viśvambhara: "Dear, why do you weep? Why are You unhappy?"

23. The Lord heard His mother's words, but gave no reply. He only wept. He was overcome with ecstasy.

24. In her heart Śacī-devī thought: "By Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy He manifests the symptoms of ecstatic love."

25. Very fortunate Śacī knew all the truths of spiritual life. Facing her son, she sweetly said:

26. "Listen. Listen, my dear, my golden son. I see that You have something very wonderful, something very rare in all the worlds.

27. "Whatever wealth You find in Your journeys You always bring to me.

28. "In Gayā You found a great treasure of ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa, a treasure more valuable than priceless jewels, a treasure even the demigods

cannot attain.

29. "If You truly have kindness in Your heart, then please give to me that treasure of ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa, a love that I fear to look upon."

30. In this way Śacī-devī spoke. His heart melting, the Lord gazed at His mother and said:

31. "Mother, by the mercy of the Vaiṣṇavas you will attain that ecstatic love. Please know this for certain. What I say is the truth."

32. Hearing these words, Śacī became very joyful at heart. That moment she attained ecstatic love and devotion.

33. The hairs on her limbs stood erect. Her body trembled. Endless flooding rivers of tears flowed from her eyes.

34. With a joyous heart she called out: "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!" In this way Locana dāsa describes the first time Lord Gaura manifested of ecstatic love.

Song 2 (Śrī rāga-Diśā)

35. In this way the Lord was overcome with ecstatic love. There was a brāhmaṇa named Śuklāmbara Brahmacārī.

36. At his house the Lord was overcome with ecstatic love. There flooding rivers of tears always flowed from the Lord's eyes.

37. Mucous always flowed from the Lord's nostrils. The brāhmaṇa Śuklāmbara always cleaned the mucous from the Lord.

38. Day and night the Lord rolled on the ground and wept. Overcome, He would ask what the time was.

39. During the day He would ask: "How far has the night progressed?" Everyone would say: "It is day. It is not night."

40. In this way the Lord was overcome with love. Overcome with ecstasy, again and again He wept.

41. When three hours of the night had passed, He would ask what time of day it was. He was given the answer: "It is not daytime."

42. He was so overcome with love He did not know

whether it was day or night. If He heard the holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa come from any mouth, He would fall to the ground.

43. If he heard someone sing songs of Lord Kṛṣṇa's names or glories, He would roll on the ground and weep.

44. One moment He would fall to the ground like a stick. The next moment He would loudly sing Lord Kṛṣṇa's names.

45. The next moment He would speak with a voice choked with emotion. His body trembled. The hairs standing erect on His limbs defeated the glories of the kadamba flower's filaments.

46. He was always in ecstasy. Some moments He was calm and peaceful. In those moments, on His friends' entreaties, He would bathe and give charity.

47. Then He would worship His Deity and offer food. Then He would honor the mahā-prasādam.

48. As the days passed He enjoyed pastimes of ecstasy in this way. Every evening He sang and danced with great joy.

49. In this way the days and nights happily passed.

The Lord tasted the nectar of ecstatic love. He also taught the world.

50. Everyone please hear these words: To taste the nectar of love for Himself was the Lord's primary purpose in coming to this world.

51. To deliver the conditioned souls was His secondary purpose. This I know. That is why I say He is the crest jewel of all avatāras.

52. All the avatāras remain in Lord Gaura's body. All the avatāras are His companions. They are all His servants.

53. When Lord Gauracandra was manifest in Navadvīpa, the blinding darkness in the hearts of the world's peoples fled far away.

54. The effulgence of His mercy extinguished the flames of suffering burning in the hearts of Kali-yuga's peoples.

55. The devotee associates of the Lord became like cakora birds overwhelmed by drinking the nectar moonlight of ecstatic love.

56. Gadādhara Pañdita became an associate of the Lord. Narahari Thākura stayed with the Lord.

57. Śrīnivāsa, Murāri, Mukunda, Vakresvara, and Śridhara Paṇḍita all had homes in Navadvīpa.

58. Śrīmān, Sañjaya, Dhanañjaya Paṇḍita, Śuklāmbara, Nīlāmbara, and many other great souls were also there.

59-60. Śrī Rāma Paṇḍita, Maheśa Paṇḍita, Haridāsa, saintly Nandana Acārya, Rudra Paṇḍita, Dāmodara Paṇḍita, and many others were all followers of Lord Gaurāṅga.

61. I cannot write all their names. I cannot name them all, for then this book would become an ocean without any shores.

62. From many different places the devotees came and gathered at Lord Gaura's feet.

63. To the people of this world giving the great treasure of ecstatic love, these devotees became wild with ecstatic love.

64. The Lord was equally king to all the conditioned souls. With the devotees Lord Gaura enjoyed pastimes of ecstatic love.

65-66. One day, accompanied by Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita and his brothers, the Lord walked on the path.

Then He suddenly heard the sound of a flute. He did not know who made the music.

67. Hearing this flute music, the Lord was overcome with the love Śrī Rādhā‘ feels. He wept and wept. He roared and roared.

68. Overcome, He fell like a stick to the ground. He wept. He manifested many symptoms of ecstatic love.

69. The Lord was now completely wild. His loud laughter was a great blessing to His followers.

70. One moment He spoke to His students things beyond the touch of this world. The next moment He became like a wild man. The next moment He became silent.

71. Accompanied by Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita, Rāma, Nārāyaṇa, and Mukunda, the Lord went to Śrīvāsa's house.

72. Within the house, the devotees filled with the four sides. In the midst was Lord Gaura-Hari. He was wild with lōṭe for Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

73. One moment He stood up. The next moment He fell to the ground. Then He rolled on the ground.

Calling out, "Hari! Hari!", He loudly wept.

74. Day and night He was filled with the ecstasy of spiritual love. The hairs of His body stood erect. He spoke only of Lord Kṛṣṇa. He spoke nothing else.

75. In His own home one time He was overcome with ecstatic love. He loudly wept. Five or seven flooding rivers of tears streamed from His eyes.

76. "What will I do? Where will I go? What is the way? How will I become able to give My heart to Śrī Kṛṣṇa?"

77. Speaking these words, He wept in despair. Hearing His anguished words, everyone else wept also.

78. At that moment a divine voice respectfully said: "Please hear, O Viśvambhara. You Yourself are the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

79. "To reveal the ecstasy of spiritual love You descended to the earth. To others You will mercifully teach the ecstasy of spiritual love.

80. "To establish the true religion on the earth You will begin the movement of chanting the holy names. Don't lament. Begin Kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtana (the

chanting of Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names).

81. "By Your mercy everyone in Kali-yuga will be delivered. To everyone You will give the ecstasy of love for Yourself. In this way everyone's sorrows will perish.

82. "Don't doubt. Please hear these words: Throw Your sorrows far away, and perform saṅkīrtana (chanting) of Your own holy names."

83. Hearing these words from a demigod's mouth, the Lord became joyful at heart. He did not speak a word.

84. Please hear the wonderful story of what happened on another day. The songs of Lord Viśvambhara's glories are filled with nectar.

85. One day the Lord went to Murārī Gupta's house. The Lord was marked with the symptoms of ecstasy.

The hairs of His body stood erect.

86. Entering the Deity room, the Lord was overcome with ecstasy. He began to speak.

87. Flooding rivers of tears flowed from the oceans of His eyes. His tears were like the celestial Gaṅgā flowing from Mount Sumeru.

88. Everyone said: "Look! Look at that wonderful form. A form like a great mountain, the form of a boar, now stands before us.

89. "Look! Look at the very powerful form of Lord Varāha! With His great tusks He yearns to kill us!

90. "With His two tsusks the boar will kill us!"
Saying these words, everyone ran into the Deity room.

91. In this way the Lord again manifested the ecstasy of Lord Varāha. On His hands and feet He paced the ground.

92. His form was enormous. His eyes were red. His steps were powerful. His roaring was ferocious.

93. He came upon a brass pot. Picking it up in His tusks, He lifted His head. For a moment held the pot aloft.

94. Discarding the pot, He opened His mouth. He asked Murāri: "This is My form.

95. "I am the Supreme Lord. In this form I rescued the Vedas. I tell you I am the master. I am the Supreme Person.

96. "What is this form of Mine? Do you know it? Say

something about it." Murārī said: "Lord, how can I know You?"

97. Falling like a stick to the ground, Murārī offered obeisances. "Lord, even the demigod Brahmā does not understand Your nature and Your pastimes."

98. Then Murārī quoted a verse from Bhagavad-gītā. I will repeat it here. Everyone please hear these words.

99. In Bhagavad-gītā (10.15) it is said:

svayam evātmanātmānam
vettha tvam puruṣottama
bhūta-bhāvana bhūteśa
deva-deva jagat-pate

"Indeed You alone know Yourself by Your own potencies, O origin of all, Lord of all beings, God of gods, O Supreme Person, Lord of the universe."*

100. This verse means: "O Supreme Personality of

Godhead, You alone know Yourself. No one else knows You."

101. Thne Lord Gaura-Harī again said: "Do the Vedas have the power to know Me?"

102. In a voice choked with emotion, Murārī replied: "Even thousand-headed Lord Ananta Śeṣa has no power to know the truth about You.

103. "How can the Vedas know thwe truth of Your pastimes? O Lord, no one knows Your glories."

104. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura again said: "The Vedas mocked Me. Listen to these words (Śvetāśvatara Upaniṣad 3.19):

105. {.fn 2}apāṇi-pādo javano grahītā
paśyaty acakṣuh sa śṛṇoty akarṇah
sa vettī vedyam na ca tasyāstī vettā
tam āhur āgryam puruṣam mahantam

{.sy 168ý `Learned transcendentalists explain that God is the greatest, the original person. He has no material hands, but He can take anything. He has

no material legs, but He can travel faster than anyone. He has no material eyes, but He sees everything. He has no material ears, but He hears everything. He knows everything, but no one knows Him."*

106. "The Vedas say I have no hands and legs.

Others do not mock Me like these Vedas."

107. After speaking these words, the Lord laughed. His face was cheerful and kind. "The Vedas do not know Me.", He said.

108. The physician Murārī bowed down and said: "Lord, please be kind. Please give me the gift of ecstatic spiritual love."

109. The Lord again said: "Listen, Murāri. You already love Me. Ecstatic spiritual love is already yours.

110. "You should worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Lord with a humanlike form, the Lord whose three-fold-bending form is dark like sapphires, the Lord who holds a flute in His hands.

111. "The root of His potencies bears the name

Vṛṣabhānusutā (Śrī Rādhā, Vṛṣabhānu's daughter).
Her glorious complexion breaks the pride of new
gorocanā.

112. "Of how many beautiful gopīs is Lord Kṛṣṇa the
beloved? Dedicate your body to Nanda's son Kṛṣṇa.

Then you will attain Him.

113. "In a land of cintāmaṇī jewels, in a jewel palace,
on a jewel altar surrounded by kalpavṛkṣa trees,
handsome Kṛṣṇa sits on a throne.

114. "He is surrounded by kāmadhenu cows. His
powers are beyond conception. His every desire is at
once fulfilled. Give your love to Him.

115. "The effulgence of His limbs is the impersonal
Brahman. Know that Kṛṣṇa's sweetness is the
greatest of all truths."

116. In the presence of all the devotees Lord Gaura
spoke these words. Hearing these words, everyone
felt their hearts become filled with bliss.

117. Hearing these words, Murārī said before the
Lord's feet: "Lord, please allow me to see Lord
Rāmacandra with my own eyes."

118. The moment he spoke these words, Murārī saw

Lord Rāmacandra, whose form is dark like dūrvā grass, and who is the life of Sītā-devī.

119. Lord Rāma was accompanied by Lakṣmaṇa, Bharata, Śatrughna, and a host of others. Gazing at the Lord, Murārī became filled with bliss.

120. His external consciousness fled far away. He fell and rolled on the ground. With a gesture of His lotus hand, Lord Rāma gave a blessing of peace to him.

121. Lord Rāma gave this blessing: "You will be filled with ecstatic spiritual love. You are Hanumān. I am Your Rāmacandra."

122. After speaking these words, the Lord departed for the temple. On another day Lord Gaura went to Śrīvāsa's house.

123. Sitting amongst His associates, He described the truth of ecstatic spiritual for Himself.

124. With a joyful heart He called out: "Hari! Hari!" To His personal associates He said: "Listen. Listen to these wonderful words.

125. "With one heart listen to the words I speak, words that say how one may attain Śrī Śrī Rādhā-

Kṛṣṇa."

126. Then the Lord recited a verse of Nāradīya Purāṇa. No one else there understood the heart of that verse.

127. That verse was (Nāradīya Purāṇa 38.126):

harer nāma harer nāma
harer nāmaiva kevalam
kalau nāsty eva nāsty eva
nāsty eva gatir anyathā

"In this age of quarrel and hypocrisy the only means of deliverance is chanting the holy name of the Lord. There is no other way. There is no other way. There is no other way."*

128. "The Supreme Personality of Godhead is the same as His name. In the Kalī-yuga the Lord is manifest in the form of His holy name. This the fools do not know.

129. "Please know that the Supreme Personality of Godhead is identical with His holy name. That truth is shown in this verse by the word 'kevalam'. In this verse Vyāsa three times refutes the idea that the Lord is different from His name.

130. "To emphasize this truth to the miseld sinners, three times he repeats it.

131. "By Lord Hari's holy name alone one attains liberation. Here please know that the word 'kevalam' means 'liberation'.

132. "The holy name here refers even to nāmābhāsa (the dim light of the holy name). Even by nāmābhāsa one attains liberation. This all the scriptures teach.

133. "By nāmābhāsa one attains liberation. These truthful words the scriptures speak. When the holy name itself rises, then one attains ecstatic spiritual love. This the Purāṇas affirm.

134. "To teach the demigod-worshipers that there is no other way, this truth is three times stated in this verse.

135. "Chanting the holy name of Lord Harī is the

same as meditating on Lord Kṛṣṇa surrounded by His cows, gopas, and gopī associates. Please know that the holy name contains all the truths of the Vedas."

136. Rapt in the ecstasy of Lord Varāha, Lord Gaura spoke these words. Then, filled with ecstatic spiritual love, He danced in nāma-saṅkīrtana (chanting of the holy names).

137. Ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa quickly takes birth in anyone who hears of Lord Gaura's glorious pastimes in Nadīyā.

138. Holding a straw between my teeth, I, Locana dāsa, declare: Lord Gaura's feet are my only treasure. I have no other.

Song 3 (Dhanaśī-rāga)

139. Shining like a full moon in Navadvīpa, Lord Gaura always manifested a flooding nectar stream of ecstatic love.

140. The devotees became like cakora birds, always drinking the nectar effulgence of the moons of His feet. With limitless mercy the Lord revealed the truth of ecstatic spiritual love.

141. Please hear the wodnerful story of the Lord's pastimes on another day. The Lord was sitting in His home, His effulgent form more glorious than the forms of ten million Kāmadevas.

142. His neck was like a lion's neck, or like a conchsell. His eyes were like lotus flowers. In a voice deep like rumbling clouds He said:

143. "Why do I see men with four, five, and siø faces in My house? My heart is filled with wonder to see them."

144. Staying at the Lord's side, and hearing these words, Śrīnivāsa Pañdita gave this reply:

145. "All the demigods have come to see You. The beings with four, five, and siø faces are Brahmā and the demigods.

146. "You are an ocean of ecstatic spiritual love. Your form is a great treasure of ecstatic spiritual love. All the demigods have come to beg from You a

gift of that treasure of ecstatic spiritual love."

147. Lord Mahāprabhu sat on a glittering throne. On one devotee's body He rested His body. Another devotee was at His feet.

148. Falling down before His feet, Śrīnivāsa and the other devotees wept and said:

149. "We would ask of You a boon. O master of the highest limit of mercy, please give us the nectar honey of love for Your lotus feet."

150. In a voice like a thundering cloud Lord Viśvambhara said: "Everyone lick up that nectar honey. I give you the mercy of ecstatic spiritual love."

151. At that time all the demigods attained ecstatic spiritual love. Their bodies were filled with ecstatic love. They were struck with wonder.

152. Calling out, "O Rādhā'-Govinda!", the demigods danced. Seeing this, the Vaiṣṇavas became joyful at heart.

153. The demigods and goddesses danced. Tears flowed from their eyes. The hairs of their bodies stood erect. They perspired. They were tossed by

waves of ecstatic spiritual love.

54. One moment they rolled on the ground and fell before the Lord's feet. Another moment they called at the top of their voices, "Haribol!" and danced.

155. Another moment they offered prayers to Lord Gaura-Govinda. Another moment they fell like sticks before the Lord's feet.

156. Another moment the demigods placed their heads at the Lord's feet and begged: "Please keep Your feet in our hearts."

157. Again and again the Lord replied: "So be it." The demigods became filled with the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love.

158. Having attained the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love, the demigods departed for their own abodes. Seeing all this, the devotees became blissful at heart.

159. This shows why the people say the Lord loves his devotees. Seeing the Lord's mercy, Śuklāmbara Brahmacārī spoke some words.

160. Śuklāmbara Brahmacārī was very pure. His body was purified by many pilgrimages. His nature

was gentle and sweet.

161. He approached the Lord and spoke some words.

He was not afraid. Yearning to attain ecstatic spiritual love, he spoke what was in his heart.

162. "O! O, Lord Gaura! O Supreme Lord! Please hear. Please hear. Today with my own eyes I have seen Your mercy.

163. "I have traveled to many holy places, but still I am unhappy. Why I do not know.

164. "I traveled to Mathurā and Dvārakā, but still I was unhappy. Please give me the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love."

165. Hearing these words, the Lord replied: "Please hear, O Śuklāmbara, My words.

166. "How many dogs and jackals live in that forest? What am I to them?" Thus spoke the Lord.

167. "If Lord Kṛṣṇa does not stay in one's heart, one cannot attain the mercy of the holy places.

168. "Love for Lord Kṛṣṇa is the only true religion. There is no other. Look, the scriptures declare:

169. {.fn 2}mīnāḥ snāna-parāḥ phaṇī pavana-bhun-

meṣo 'pī parṇāśanah
śaśvad bhrāmyatī cakrigaur apī bako dhyāne sadā
tiṣṭhati
garte tiṣṭhatī mūṣiko 'pī gahane simhaḥ sadā vartate
teṣāṁ phalam astī hanta tapasā sad-bhāva-siddhim
vinā

{.sy 168ý `Fish intently bathe. Snakes eat only air. Sheep eat only grass. The ø circling the grinding wheel always walks. Cranes are rapt in meditation. Mice live in holes. Lions live in the forest. A person who, without love for Lord Kṛṣṇa, practices austerities like the austerities of these animals, attains a result like what these animals attain.'

170. "In the Nārada-pañcarātra (2.6) it is said:

ārādhito yadī haris tapasā tataḥ kim
nārādhito yadī haris tapasā tataḥ kim
antar bahir yadī haris tapasā tataḥ kim

nāntar bahir yadī haris tapasā tataḥ kim

"If one can understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead and engage in His service, there is no more need of severe austreities, penances, and so on. However, if after performing severe austerities and penances, one does not understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead, such practices are useless.'*

171. Hearing these words, the brāhmaṇa Śuklāmbara fell to the ground. Distraught, he wept, and his devotion for the Lord grew.

172. Lord Gaura could not tolerate His servant's grief. His fair form became reddened with compassion. It was red like the rising sun.

173. "I give you ecstatic spiritual love! I give you ecstatic love!", the Lord called out in a voice choked with grief. In this way Śuklāmbara attained the mercy of ecstatic spiritual love.

174. When Śuklāmbara attained ecstatic spiritual

love his body trembled. The hairs of his body stood erect. Tears streamed from his eyes.

175. Joyfully he chanted the Lord's holy names.

Seeing this, everyone became very joyful at heart.

176. Śrī Gadādhara Pañdita was the abode of all virtues. He stayed at the Lord's side. He always chanted the holy names.

177. One night he took rest in the Lord's room.

Glancing at him, the Lord was pleased and said:

178. "Tomorrow at dawn you will attain rare ecstatic spiritual love. By the Vaiṣṇavas mercy your desire will be fulfilled."

179. Speaking these words, the Lord took the flower garland from His own body and placed it around Gadādhara's neck. At dawn everyone came to see the Lord.

180. The Lord told everyone His words of the previous night. By those words Gadādhara attained ecstatic spiritual love.

181. With a happy heart Gadādhara bathed in the Gaṅgā. Overcome with ecstatic spiritual love, his body trembled.

182. He worshiped Lord Jagannātha, and then he worshiped his own master, Lord Gaura.
183. He anointed Lord Gaura's limbs with fragrant sandal paste, placed a splendid flower garland on the Lord's neck, and recited many prayers.
184. Every day he worshiped the Lord in this way.
He slept in the Lord's bedroom.
185. He slept at the Lord's feet. His heart was always filled with devotion and faith.
186. The words he spoke to the Lord were always sweet like nectar. Hearing these words, Lord Viśvambhara felt bliss in His heart.
187. His words were like nectar showers in the Lord's heart. When He went to dance, the Lord held his hand.
188. With Naraharī at one hand and Gadādhara at the other, the Lord danced the rāsa dance pastime in Śrīvāsa's house.
189. Then the devotees saw Lord Gaura manifest the dark form of Lord Kṛṣṇa and Gadādhara manifest the form of Śrī Rādhā.
190. Then Naraharī manifested the form of

Madhumatī gopī. Seeing all this, the Vaiṣṇavas called out: "Hari! Hari!"

191. Then the land of Vṛndāvana was manifest in that place. There Śacī's son stood, surrounded by cows, gopas, and gopīs.

192. Then the Lord's personal associates manifested their original forms as gopas and gopīs. The Lord and His devotees tasted the nectar of the different rasas.

193. Śrī Raghunandana is the eternally new Kāmadeva. He is counted among the spiritual Kāmadevas.

194. Surrounded by these devotees, who stood in front and on every side, the Lord danced.

195. Seeing the Lord and the devotees in their Kṛṣṇa-līlā forms, everyone wept. In this way Lord Kṛṣṇa, who is the moon of Vraja, was manifest in Navadvīpa.

196. One moment Lord Gaura danced with Gadādhara. The next moment They were transformed into handsome dark Lord Kṛṣṇa and Śrī Rādhā‘ in the nectar rāsa-dance arena.

197. Gazing at these wonders, the devotees called out: "Hari! Hari! Jaya! Jaya!" They made a sound like thundering clouds.

198. As a beautiful sunset filled the horizon and daytime came to an end, rainclouds suddenly filled the circle of the sky.

199. The rainclouds rumbled deeply. Seeing them, the Vaiṣṇavas became anxious.

200. Seeing a disturbance had come, they became unhappy. "How can we escape this disturbance?", they thought.

201. Actually the rainclouds had come to taste the nectar of ecstatic love. Watching Lord Gaura's pastimes, they thundered with ecstatic love.

202. At that time Lord Mahāprabhu began to play karatālas. Loudly He chanted the holy names.

203. In their hearts the demigods felt that their lives had then become successful. Craning their necks, they eagerly gazed at Lord Gaura from the sky.

204. Then the rainclouds fled. The sky became clear, and the Vaiṣṇavas became joyful.

205. A spotless moon shone in the evening sky. As

the devotees sang the Lord's glories, Lord Gaura
danced.

206. Manifesting humanlike forms, the clouds came
by the Lord's side. Following the devotees, they
danced.

207. What more can I say of these clouds? Lord
Gaura gave ecstatic spiritual love to everyone in the
three worlds. Lord Gaura-Harī did not consider to
whom He should give the gift of lote and to whom
He should not give it.

208. In the midst of the devotees the Lord danced.

Surrounded by everyone, Śacī's son danced.

209. Overcome with love, the great king of dancers
danced. The anklets on His lotus feet made a great
melodious sound.

210. The saintly brāhmaṇīs happily chanted "Jaya!
Jaya!" From the sky the demigods eagerly watched.

211. Overcome with ecstatic love, all the devotees
danced. What austerities did they perform in how
many births that they were able to join in these
pastimes? I do not know.

212. Somehow they were able to dance with Lord

Gaura. Filled with bliss, they had attained the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love.

213. The Lord filled the earth and the sky with His mercy. Hearing all this, Locana dāsa is filled with bliss. Locana dāsa speaks these words.

Mukundera pratī Kṛpā

Mercy to Mukunda

Song 4 (Śyāmagadā rāga)

Refrain: His handsome tall form is like Mount Sumeru's summit. He trembles, overcome with ecstatic spiritual love. From head to foot the hairs of His body stand erect. Tears stream from His eyes. Overcome with bliss, Śacī's son dances in Nadīyā's villages.

1. Śrīnivāsa and his four brothers joyfully sang

auspicious songs. Haridāsa called out: "Hari! Hari!"

There was a great roar of songs comparing Lord Gaura to the teenage couple of Vraja. Everyone was tossed by waves of ecstatic spiritual love.

2. Without stop Murārī and Mukunda Datta sang songs glorifying the Lord. The hairs on their bodies standing erect in ecstasy, they sang. Yearning to taste the nectar of ecstatic spiritual love, like intoxicated bumblebees the devotees surrounded the lotus flower of Lord Gaura's feet.

3. On all four sides came calls of "Jaya!" In the middle danced Lord Gaura, effulgent like gold. Everyone there was overcome with bliss. Wherever anyone looked everyone was filled with bliss. The weeping of ecstatic love filled the ten directions.
4. Whenever two devotees met, they embraced in the ecstasy of spiritual love. Poets recited poems. Falling down before the Lord's feet, pāṇḍitas and gsovāmīs recited prayers. The devotees created what was like a marketplace of the holy name.

5. The hairs of His body erect with ecstasy, Lord Gaura seemed decorated with pearls and gold. His

face was reddened with ecstatic love. He smiled a gentle nectar smile. Then He revealed the treasure in His heart.

6. On moment He spoke wildly like a drunkard. The next mometn He declared: "I am the Supreme Personality of Godhead". The next moment He bowed down to offer obeisances. The next moment He spoke blessings. The next moment He gave boons to His followers.

7. No man or woman in the seven continents had ever seen the ecstatic love the Lord revealed. Gazing at Lord Gaura's ecstasy of love, Locana dāsa also is overcome with love.

Song 5 (Tarajābandhā-dhanaśī rāga)

Refrain: How did the demigod Brahmā create Lord Gaurāṅga's handsome form? How can anyone, even a person with a heart hard like stones and wood, gaze at Lord Gaura's form and not melt with love?

8. Who churned what nectar to make the butter that fashioned Lord Gaura's limbs? Who kneaded the nectar of the worlds to fashion the nectar of love Lord Gaura feels?
9. Who, mixing together the nectar of love and the yogurt of infatuation, fashioned Lord Gaura's two eyes? Who, gathering the sweetest honey, fashioned Lord Gaura's soft, soft words and gentle, gentle smile?
10. Who, stirring together many flooding streams of sweet nectar, fashioned Lord Gaura's golden complexion? Who, gathering together many sweet phenī candies, fashioned Lord Gaura's limbs?
11. Who anointed Lord Gaura's limbs with the paste of lightning? Who anointed Lord Gaura's face with paste of the moon? What sculptor fashioned Lord Gaura's wonderful form from the clay of exquisite handsomeness?
12. Overwhelmed by the fragrance of the lotus flowers that are Lord Gaura's hands and feet, the shining moons of all the full-moon nights weep. The

twenty nails on Lord Gaura's fingers and toes fill the world with light, light that gives eyes to persons blind from birth.

13. Where do I not see Lord Gaura? Gazing at Lord Gaura's form filled with the wonderful pastimes of ecstatic spiritual love, the women wept. How could they tie up their hearts to keep them safe from Lord Gaura?

14. What heart is not delighted by Lord Gaura's playful pastimes, which are the sweetest nectar of nectars? Who anointed Lord Gaura's face with the paste of amorous playfulness? Unable to see His face, I weep.

15. Who placed on Lord Gaura's forehead the rainbow and the half-moon? Beautiful and saintly girls yearn to touch Lord Gaura's form with their hands.

16. Who fashioned the jewel palace that is Lord Gaura's form? Seeing Lord Gaura's playful pastimes, the saintly girls, overcome with desire, weep.

17. The girls cannot always gaze on Him, even from the corners of their eyes. Now the birds of their eyes

fly to Lord Gaura. Seeing their thirst to gaze at His face, graceful Lord Gaura walks very slowly.

18. Saintly girls flee from their homes. The lame run. The atheists and offenders sing Lord Gaura's glories. Rolling in the dust, everyone weeps. No one is peaceful and composed. Lord Gaura's glories have sweetness without limit.

19. Some call out: "Run! Run to see Him!" Some embrace in the bliss of spiritual love. Some dance. Some loudly laugh. Attracted by the breeze bearing the fragrance of Lord Kṛṣṇa's form and glories, many saintly ladies say: "Go to see Him!"

20. Gazing at the moon of Lord Gaura's face, the girls of Nadiyā's villages wept, tears again and again streaming from their eyes. Their hearts became filled with love. The hairs of their bodies stood erect. In their hearts they kept a vigil, always thinking of Lord Gaura.

21. Overcome, the kings of the yogīs and sages meditate day and night on Lord Gaura in their hearts. He who is the king of all the planets now rolls in the dust, weeps, and calls out "Rādhā!

Rādhā!"

22. Renouncing His pastimes with Goddess Lakṣmī,
He now yearns to enjoy pastimes of spiritual love.
His two eyes are now red with love. meditating on
Rādhā' in His heart, He does not reveal His true
identity. Now His form is fair like Hers.

23. Look! Look, O people of the world, at the
wonderful love the master of the three worlds now
manifests. Why is He surrounded by people who
have no wealth? I do not know. What treasure does
He hope to find? Why, overcome with bliss, does He
dance in this way?

24. Glory! Glory! Glory! Lord Gaura Rāya has
broken open the treasure house of the nectar of
ecstatic spiritual love. Now He distributes that
nectar to everyone. He brings life to the lifeless. He
gives cripples the power to leap over mountains.
Locana dāsa joyfully sings His glories.

Song 6 (Varāḍi rāga-Disā)

Refrain: Hari! Rāma! Nārāyaṇa! Śacī-dulāl! Gaura!

25. Please hear the wonderful story of another day's pastime. The pastimes of Śacī's son are eternally new and fresh.
26. This story is very wonderful. The like of it has never been heard in this world. Still, the fallen people will not believe it in their hearts.
27. In this pastime Lord Gaura revealed the secret truth about Himself. To His personal associates He said: "Please see this world of birth and death is māyā."
28. Saying this, He spoke of other things. Then, forgetting all the worlds, He became rapt in chanting Lord Hari's holy names.
29. Chanting His own holy names, He became wild at heart. Rolling on the ground, He wept. His spiritual love was very strong.
30. Suddenly He stood up, clapped his hands, and to His personal associates revealed His true identity, the truth that He is indeed the Supreme Personality

of Godhead.

31. "Look. Look. I now plant a mango seed. The seed I plant will now grow into a tree."
32. Saying these words, Lord Gaura planted a mango seed. At once it sprouted.
33. As everyone watched and watched, the tree quickly grew. On the top branches buds and flowers formed.
34. As everyone watched and watched there was a great wonder. Everyone saw the flowers turn into mangoes.
35. In a moment the mangoes became ripe. With a finger Lord Gaura pointed to one of the fruits.
36. Someone picked that fruit and brought it to the Lord. Everyone watched. Then he offered it to the Lord.
37. Suddenly no one in three worlds could see that tree. Only the fruit remained. The tree was an illusion.
38. "Please see that it was only māyā.", the Lord said to everyone. "Aware that this world is māyā, do not be overcome by lamentation in this world of birth

and death.

39. "By the power of My māyā this world of birth and death is created. unaware of this truth, the people claim this world is their property.

40. "How will one get the power to cut the ropes of My māyā? There is only one path. Following it, one can conquer māyā.

41-42. "If one desires to attain liberation as a result of the actions he does with his material body, then one should dedicate one's body to Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. Such a person is not bound by pious deeds or neglect of pious deeds, or by what, in material terms, is auspicious and what is not.

43. "Therefore I consider that devotional service to Kṛṣṇa, offering everything to Kṛṣṇa, is the highest truth. When one offers everything to Kṛṣṇa, one cannot stay aloof from Him.

44. "A person who offers everything to Lord Kṛṣṇa attains Lord Kṛṣṇa in all respects. The Bhagavad-gītā, Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, and in all the Purāṇas sing this truth.

45. "A person who does not offer everything to Lord

Kṛṣṇa lives in vain. A person who offers everything to Lord Kṛṣṇa attains the most valuable treasure one can find in this world of birth and death."

46. In this way Lord Gauracandra revealed a very wonderful truth. Hearing it, Locana dāsa becomes filled with bliss. Locana dāsa tells this story.

Song 7 (Śrī rāga)

Refrain: Glory to You, O Lord Gaurāṅga! Glory to You!

47. Seeing the physician Mukunda, Lord Mahāprabhu smiled and said:

48. "You know the truth of Brahman. This I have heard. O Mukunda Datta, I will now explain that truth to you."

49. Speaking these words, the Lord recited a verse. Their hearts beating quickly, everyone listened.

50. The Lord said:

ramante yogino 'nante
satyānande cid-ātmani
itī rāma-padenāsau
param brahmābhidhīyate

"The mystics derive unlimited transcendental pleasures from the Absolute Truth, and therefore the Supreme Absolute Truth, the Personality of Godhead, is also known as Rāma."*

51. Then Lord Gaura-Harī again mercifully said to the physician Mukunda:

52. "In your heart you think worship of four-armed Lord Nārāyaṇa is the best worship. But you have very little knowledge of meditating on two-armed Lord Kṛṣṇa.

53. "Please look at this treasure, the best of all treasures, that now stands before you. Please see what is truly auspicious for you. Please worship two-

armed Lord Kṛṣṇa. Plunge your heart in thinking of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

54. "It is from Lord Kṛṣṇa that the form of Nārāyaṇa has come. This the scriptures say. Never do the scriptures say the form of Lord Kṛṣṇa has come from Nārāyaṇa."

55. Lord Viśvambhara spoke these kind words. Hearing them, the physician Mukunda respectfully bowed his neck and said:

56. "I will bathe in the Gaṅgā, and then I will do as You wish. For me the dust of the Vaiṣṇavas feet as the greatest mercy.

57. "Your lotus feet are an umbrella placed over my head. Please bathe me in a shower of service to You. That is my only wish.

58. "O Lord, how can I know what is good and what is bad? Within and without I am like a drunken blind man.

59. "O Lord, please be merciful to me. Please mercifully give the gift of being able to render service to You.

60. "You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead,

the master of all masters. Your form is made of transcendental bliss. You are Lord Kṛṣṇa. You are the root from where all the avatāras have sprouted."

61. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura became satisfied at heart. With His lotus foot He touched Mukunda's head.

62. At that moment the hairs on every limb of Mukunda's body stood erect. Tears filled his eyes. His voice became choked with emotion. In this way the physician Mukunda manifested the symptoms of ecstatic spiritual love.

63. With a voice choked with emotion he spoke many prayers. He said: "O Supreme Personality of Godhead, O master of all masters, O first cause of all causes, all glories to You!"

64. Glancing at Mukunda, Lord Mahāprabhu Viśvambhara Ḫari said:

65. "O physician, please listen. Listen to My words. In your heart you chew and chew the spiritual message of Bhagavad-gītā.

66-67. "If you wish to attain what is truly good for the spirit soul, if you yearn to attain the bliss of pure

love for Lord Kṛṣṇa, then please stop chewing and chewing the Bhagavad-gītā's words. Instead, with great love chant the holy names of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

68-69. "Instead, worship Lord Kṛṣṇa, whose handsome dark form glistens like sapphires, who is the crown of all dancers, who holds a flute in His hand, whose garments are yellow, whose neck is adorned with a garland of forest flowers, and who is surrounded by a host of gopīs."

70. Hearing the Lord's command, the physician Mukunda was overcome. The tears he wept fell to the ground.

71. Humbly offering prayers at the Lord's feet, he said: "O Lord, I have no power to escape the inescapable world of birth and death.

72. "Even Brahmā, Śiva, Lakṣmī, and Ananta have no power to defeat Your undefeatable māyā.

73. "Without Your mercy, who has the power to defeat Your supremely powerful māyā? Please listen, O Lord Viśvambhara.

74. "O am very lowly and fallen. What power have I to defeat the world of birth and death and worship

Your feet?

75. "O Lord, if, seeing how unhappy I am, You feel merciful to me, then please become like mercy personified to me.

76. "O Lord, please be merciful and give me the secret treasure of ecstatic spiritual love.

77. "Please make my heart like a bumblebee filled with love for the honey-pollen of the lotus flower of Your feet.

78. "Please splash me with the ocean of Your mercy. Please don't hate me. I am very fallen and unimportant."

79. Hearing this anguished appeal, the Lord felt great mercy in His heart.

80. Smiling, the Lord said: "Listen, Mukunda. Soon you will attain your wish."

81-82. Then, accompanied by his brothers, the wise and very pure-hearted devotee Śrīnivāsa Paṇḍita served Lord Kṛṣṇa. Then, with great love, he worshiped Lord Viśvambhara's feet.

83. Again and again he chanted the Lord's holy names and praised His glories. His younger brother

Śrī Rāma was very affectionate to him.

84. Śrī Rāma Pandita was very devoted to his older brother. Together the two brothers would sing the Lord's glories.

85. Śrīvāsa and Śrī Rāma were both very dear to Lord Gaura. With a joyful heart the Lord enjoyed many pastimes with them.

86. In their house the Lord danced with His personal associates. At those times Lord Gaura seemed like Lord Kapila surrounded by a host of sages.

87. In their house Lord Gaura passed many days happily teaching hundreds and hundreds of students.

88. There the Lord met and taught student after student. Amongst them one student was a very great fool.

89. That foolish son of a brāhmaṇa said: "I say Śrī Kṛṣṇa is only a manifestation of māyā."

90. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura covered His ears with His hands and ran to bathe in the Gaṅgā.
91. Accompanied by His associates, and still wearing

His clothes, the Lord bathed in the Gaṅgā. Then, roaring like thunder, and the hairs of His body erect with ecstasy, Lord Gaura chanted the holy names of Lord Hari.

92. "My ears were contaminated by the wicked words of that sinful and degraded offender who is worthless like a pile of ashes."

93. After speaking these words, Lord Gaura, His voice like thundering clouds, chanted Lord Hari's holy names. Thus Locana dāsa describes the splendor of Lord Gaura's glories.

Advaita-tattwa-kathana

Description of the Truth of Lord Advaita

Song 8 (Bhāṭiyāri rāga)

Refrain: Lord Gauracandra, who is Śaci's son, and who is also the Supreme Personality of Godhead

known as Harī and Nārāyaṇa, in His heart decided on a plan to catch in the trap of ecstatic spiritual love the souls in māyā's prison.

1. Now I will tell another wonderful story. Everyone please turn your thoughts from other things, and listen with great care.
2. The hairs of my body stand erect as I sing Lord Gaura's glories. The splendor of Lord Gaura's glories is a limitless flood of the sweetest nectar.
3. Accompanied by Śrīvāsa and many devotees and students, Lord Gaura happily went to see Advaita Acārya.
4. Some sang songs. Others chanted Lord Hari's holy names. others called out: "Hari! Hari!" Nothing was like that procession.
5. The devotees sang, and Lord Gaura personally danced. The Lord forgot Himself. He was overcome with the splendor of ecstatic spiritual love.
6. From head to foot the hairs of His body stood erect. His eyes were red. Gazing at Lord Gaura's, face, everyone became restless with ecstatic love.

7. Lord Gaura slapped His arms and loudly called out. Everyone rolled on the ground and wept.
8. As to see Lord Advaita they walked on the path, everyone was overcome with ecstasy in this way.
9. When they saw Lord Advaita Acārya Gosāi, they all fell to the ground like sticks.
10. With great respect Lord Advaita fell before Lord Gauras feet. His voice choked with emotion, He spoke humble prayers.
11. Saying, "You are the crest jewel of ten million Advaitas", Lord Advaita offered obeisances and rolled on the ground.
12. Finally Lord Gaura and Lord Advaita embraced. They sprinkled each other with tears from Their eyes.
13. Then Lord Gaura sat down and spoke graceful words, words that remove sins, words that bring the gift of pure devotional service.
14. Hearing these words, Lord Advaita said: "Your two reddish eyes will make even the offenders melt with ecstatic love.
15. "The offenders say there is no devotional service

in Kalī-yuga. With their own eyes they should see
My Lord Caitanya Gosāi."

16. When Lord Gaura heard these words His lips trembled. With a deep voice like a thundering cloud He said:

17. "There is no devotional service in Kali-yuga? What else exists in Kalī-yuga? Devotional service is all that exists in Kalī-yuga. Devotional service is all that exists in this world of birth and death.

18. "Persons who say, 'There is no devotional service in Kali-yuga are born in vain. Everyone please listen.

19. "In Kalī-yuga the great mercy of devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇa is very prominent. No other yuga is merciful like Kalī-yuga."

20. Anxious at heart, Śrīvāsa Pañdita then said:

21. "Lord, look. Standing before us is such an offender brāhmaṇa. He will be a great obstacle in the festival of glorifying Lord Kṛṣṇa."

22. That person was a great offender. His actions were evil. He was very proud of his learning.

23. To that person Lord Mahāprabhu said: "Demon,

don't stay in this place."

24. That brāhmaṇa bewildered by māyā did not stay.
With a happy heart Lord Mahāprabhu then enjoyed
His pastimes.

25. Lord Gaura took Śrīvāsa's hand in His right hand and Gadādhara's hand in His left hand.

26. He leaned on Narahari's body. Glancing at Raghunandana's face, He wept.

27. He placed His lotus feet on Śrī Rāma Pañdita's body. In this way Lord Mahāprabhu enjoyed pastimes in Advaita Acārya's presence.

28. On the four sides the Vaiṣṇavas sang the holy names. In the middle Śacī's son danced.

29. As Lord Kṛṣṇa had danced with the gopīs in the great festival of the rāsa dance, so Lord Gaura gracefully danced in the kīrtana of chanting the holy names.

30. As the dancing continued, Advaita Acārya and Sītā became joyful.

31. Then Lord Gaura accepted a meal in Advaita's house. Advaita placed a garland on Lord Gaura's body and anointed Lord Gaura's graceful limbs with

fragrant sandal paste.

32. Advaita Acārya considered Himself very fortunate. "The Lord is merciful to Me.", He thought.

33. Falling down before Lord Viśvambhara's feet, Lord Advaita's associates wept. Picking them up, Lord Viśvambhara embrced each one.

34. As His own holy names were sung, Lord Gaura sang and danced. Then, accompanied by His own associates, Lord Gaura returned to His own home.

35. Day after day Lord Gaura enjoyed pastimes in this way. Hearing of these pastimes, Locana dāsa has become blissful at heart.

Song 9 (Varāḍi rāga)

Refrain: Chasing away all inauspiciousness, Lord Gaura gave to the world the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love.

36. Sitting in His own home, Lord Mahāprabhu explained the spiritual truth of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

37. He said: "There is only one Supreme Lord. He is Lord Kṛṣṇa. He is the creator and maintainer of the worlds. He is the Supersoul present everywhere in this world."

38. Speaking these words, the Lord made a fist.
Everyone watched.

39. Again He said: "Everyone listen. Only a person who has devotion can understand the truth of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

40. "Without devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa one may struggle and struggle, but one will not attain liberation.

41. "If he thinks he is the same as Lord Kṛṣṇa, a conditioned soul cannot become free from the prison of repeated birth and death.

42. "Without being liberated one cannot understand Lord Kṛṣṇa in truth." Saying this, Lord Gaura continued: "Listen to this example.

43. "Look. Look at the five fingers of My hand. One

finger may be anointed with honey. The other four fingers may be anointed with something horrible.

44. "The four fingers with a foul smell one will not even look at with his eyes. But the one finger anointed with honey one will try to lick with his tongue.

45. "The one finger is Lord Kṛṣṇa. A person whose interest lies only in Lord Kṛṣṇa and nowhere else is truly liberated."

46. With these words Lord Gaura, who is a treasure house of transcendental virtues, described the philosophy of jñāna-yoga in many way. Then He was silent for a moment.

47. Then Lord Gaura kindly said: "Devotional service ot Lord Kṛṣṇa is the best of all truths. There is no other truth.

48. "The people think that by cultivating transcendental knowledge one may attain Lord Kṛṣṇa. But the truth is that rendering loving devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet is the best way to attain Lord Kṛṣṇa.

49. "One who knows the truth keeps his heart

attached to Lord Kṛṣṇa. A person whose heart is attached in that way develops unalloyed devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa.

50. "Such a person meditates on Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. Chanting 'Hari! Hari!', he always thinks of Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet.

51. "Lord Kṛṣṇa's dark three-fold-bending form is spiritual, eternal, and full of bliss. Lord Kṛṣṇa always stays with Śrī Rādhā. Lord Kṛṣṇa is more enchanting than Kāmadeva. He is the best of dancers. He enjoys many pastimes.

52. "In Vṛndāvana forest, in a palace of nine kinds of jewels, charming Lord Kṛṣṇa is surrounded by beautiful gopīs.

53. "Vṛndāvana is beautiful with many cuckoos, peacocks, parrots, bumblebees, and many kinds of blossoming flowers.

54. "In Vṛndāvana the land is made of cintāmaṇī jewels, the trees are all kalpavṛkṣa trees, and the cows are all kāmadhenu cows.

55. "Beautiful Vṛndāvana is surrounded by the Yamunā. Seeing the sweet beauty of Vṛndāvana,

Goddess Lakṣmī yearns to go there."

56. As Goddess Lakṣmī gazed at Vṛndāvana, a flood of tears rose in her two reddish eyes, and the hairs of her body stood erect.

57. One moment she laughed. The next moment she wept. The next moment she sang and danced." Addressing everyone, Lord Gaura said in a voice choked with emotion:

58. "In this way My great devotees mercifully purify the three worlds."

59. After speaking these words, Lord Gaura became very joyful at heart. He danced and He made His devotees dance also.

60. In this way Lord Gaura happily enjoyed pastimes in Navadvīpa. He would meet His devotees by the Gaṅgā's banks.

61. On another day Lord Advaita Acārya Gosāī came to Navadvīpa to see Lord Viśvambhara.

62. At that time Lord Mahāprabhu had gone to Śrīvāsa's house. Waiting for Lord Mahāprabhu's return, Lord Advaita bathed and performed worship.

63. At Śrīvāsa's house, with a happy heart Lord

Mahāprabhu placed flowers on a stick and said:

64. "To kill the demons I worship this stick. In My hands this stick will become like a lion to protect the devotees.

65. "With this stick I will punish the demons." To everyone the Lord said:

66. "One demon especially hates My devotees. For many births he will be afflicted with leprosy.

67. "I will make him live in a hell of witches and goblins. He will become a stool-eating pig.

68. "I will punish his students. With this stick I will kill all the offenders.

69. "In My heart I decided: 'I will enter the jungle. To Me this world is a great jungle.'

70. "Some people here are like tigers. Others are like boulders. Others are like trees. Others are like blades of grass.

71. "Some people I consider ferocious animals. Therefore I say that to Me this world is like a great jungle."

72. Hearing that Lord Advaita had come, Lord

Gaura thought: "I was not there to greet Him. I should go to greet Him."

73. At that moment Lord Advaita arrived at that place and came before Lord Gaura.

74. Placing a gift before Lord Gaura's lotus feet, Lord Advaita offered obeisances, falling like a stick to the ground.

75. Grasping Advaita's hand, Lord Gaura said: "It is because of You that I came to this world.

76. "You bowed Your head before My lotus feet. You offered Me tulasī-mañjarīs. You worshiped Me and wept.

77. "With the heart of a true devotee You loudly called for Me. It is because of Your love for Me that I came here with My devotees."

78. Saying these words, Lord Mahāprabhu sat on a seat. "Dance.", He commanded Advaita Acārya.

79. Singing the daśa-avatāra prayers, the great brāhmaṇa Lord Advaita Acārya danced very elaborately.

80. Overcome with bliss, Śrīvāsa and the other devotees sang the holy names of Lord Hari.

81. Watching all this Lord Gaura Mahāprabhu became happy. He smiled and said to Lord Advaita:

82. "Your children always pray that I give them ecstatic spiritual love. I will give it. I will give them the gift of ecstatic loving devotion. This I tell to You."

83. Hearing these words, Lord Advaita Acārya became pleased. In His heart He thought: "Now My mission is successful."

84. Then Advaita Acārya said: "Lord, please hear My words. These people are all devoted to Your lotus feet.

85. "You love Your devotees. You are an ocean of mercy. Please give them a great treasure of ecstatic spiritual love. Please protect Your devotees."

86. The devotees all approached the Lord. Sitting on all sides, they surrounded Him.

87. Lord Gaura was like a moon filling the evening sky with glorious light. Glancing at Advaita Acārya, Lord Gaura said:

88. "O lotus-eyed Advaita, You are My greatest devotee. It is because of You that I came here.

89. "You happily sing My glories and dance.
Everyone I see here is intent on devotional service."

90. Hearing these words, Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita approached Lord Gaura and with a happy heart said:

91. "I have one request. Please hear my words. I am afraid to speak. My heart is in turmoil.

92. "I have one doubt in my heart. Therefore I ask this question: Is Advaita Acārya a devotee of Yours?"

93. When Lord Gaura heard these words His face became flushed with anger. His eyes red with anger, He spoke this rebuke:

94. "Uddhava and Akrūra are both very dear to Me. You think Advaita Acārya is less than them?

95. "Of all My devotees in Bhārata-varṣa who is equal to Advaita Acārya?

96. "Brāhmaṇa, you are very foolish to speak these words. None of My devotees is equal to Advaita Acārya.

97. "He is the king of the Vaiṣṇavas. He is My very self. This I say. He is the creator of all the worlds.

He has come here to deliver the people of Kalī-yuga.

98. "He whom the scriptures call Mahā-Visṇu has assumed the role of a devotee, descended to this world, and become Advaita Acārya.

99. "Therefore I very emphatically say to You: Glorify Advaita Acārya with prayers. At every moment serve Him with devotion."

100. Hearing these words, the brāhmaṇa Śrīvāsa felt fear in his heart. He remained silent. No word came to his mouth.

101. Then Lord Gaura-Harī again said: "Don't again chew the ideas of impersonalism.

102. "If again you hear and gaze on the ideas of impersonalism, I will not again give ecstatic spiritual love to you and your followers.

103. "Only persons who turn away from karma and jñāna attain ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa. Knowing this, don't take shelter of karma or jñāna."

104. Hearing these words, Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita said: "Please grant me this boon: That my heart will forget everything about impersonalism."

105. Murārī said: "I do not know anything about

impersonalism." Lord Gaura said: "From lotus-eyed Advaita Acārya you may learn the actual truth.

106. "With a pure heart earnestly engage in devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇacandra. Liberation is a maiservant serving devotional service."

107. Hearing these words, everyone became joyful at heart. In their hearts the devotees thought: "I will obey this command."

108. Wild by tasting the honey at Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet, and glorious like a host of demigods, the devotees joyfully danced.

109. The stories of Lord Gaura's pastimes in Nadīyā are all glorious like this story. In this way Locana dāsa describes Lord Gaura's preaching the philosophy of ecstatic spiritual love.

Song 10 (Sindhudā rāga)

110. His eyes are red lotus flowers. His moving glances are restless birds. He is plunged in the

nectar honey of compassion for others. His face is a full moon. Its moonlight makes every heart weep with ecstasy. How much spiritual love has he brought to this world?

Refrain: Trembling with ecstatic spiritual love, the moon that is Śaci's son joyfully dances in Nadiyā's villages. Everyone sings auspicious songs of "Jaya! Jaya!" Gazing at Him, everyone is filled with wonder. He is handsome like Kāmadeva. He is the king of dancers.

111. The hairs on His body stand erect, hairs like the filaments on golden kadamba flowers. His body is covered with perspiration. His body is filled with ecstatic spiritual love. He is glorious like the newly-risen sun. On His conchshell neck choked with emotion, half-spoken words rest.

112. On His fragrant lotus feet glisten ten toenail moons and a pair of golden anklets. He glistens like a moving lightning flash. He fills the demigods with wonder.

113. In the midst of the seven continents of the earth rest the nine islands of Navadvīpa. In Navadvīpa Lord Gaura-Harī manifests ecstatic spiritual love. Chanting the holy names of Lord Hari, Lord Gaura-Harī fills with bliss the land and sky.

114. He is graceful like a lion cub. His deep voice is like thundering rainclouds. He is tossed by the waves in the ocean of spiritual love. He chants: "Hari! Haribol!" He makes the whole world overcome with bliss. On both sides the saintly girls drink the sight of Him.

115. His limbs are effulgent like glistening lamps or like the shining sun. His pastimes are glorious. His graceful form defeats ten million Kāmadevas grasping bows and arrows of flowers. He has brought ecstatic spiritual love to this world.

116. The graceful sandal-paste moons on His face defeated hundreds of thousands of full moons in the sky. The swiftly flowing streams of tears from the corners of His eyes gave to the people of the world, people bewildered from birth, the gift of ecstatic

spiritual love.

117. He was graceful like an intoxicated elephant.
He was overcome with ecstatic love. Gazing at Him,
everyone became filled with wonder. He charmed
the beautiful girls. Gazing at Him, they forgot their
homes. Gazing at Him, they became filled with the
longings of Kāmadeva.

118. How can I speak any metaphors or similes to
describe my Gaura Rāya? His graceful form was
filled with kindness. He filled the people of Nadīyā
with such ecstatic spiritual love they no longer
knew whether it was day or night. Locana dāsa
joyfully sings this song.

Nityānanda-milana

Meeting Lord Nityānanda

Song 11

Refrain: O! O! Lord Gauracandra is my very life!

1. In His home Lord Gaura sat on a splendid seat.
On the four sides He was surrounded by His
devotees.
2. Glancing at Śrīvāsa, Lord Gaura said: "
o you know the meaning of your name?
3. "You are the abode of devotional service.
Therefore you have the name Śrīvāsa."
4. Glancing at Gopīnatha, Lord Gaura said: "You
are very devoted to Me. Wherever I go, you follow."
5. Glancing at Murāri, Lord Gaura said: "Recite
your stanzas. I will hear them."
6. Hearing these words, intelligent Murārī recited
the stanzas he had written. As Lord Gaura listened,
Murārī recited:
7. {.fn 2}rājat-kirīṭa-maṇi-dīdhiti-dīpitāśam
udyad-bṛhaspati-kavi-pratime vahantam
dve kuṇḍale 'ṅka-rahitendu-samāna-vaktram
rāmam jagat-traya-gurum satatam bhajāmi

"Again and again I worship Lord Rāmacandra, the master of the three worlds. His effulgent jewel crown fills the directions with light. His two earrings are the forms of Bṛhaspatī and Śukra. His face is like a spotless moon.

8. {fn 2}udyad-vibhākara-marīci-vibodhitābja-netram su-bimba-daśana-cchada-cāru-nāsam
śubhrāmśu-raśmi-parinirjita-cāru-hāsam
rāmam jagat-traya-gurum satataṁ bhajāmi

"Again and again I worship Lord Rāmacandra, the master of the three worlds. His eyes are two lotus flowers blossoming wide in the glistening sunlight. His lips are bimba fruits. His nose is graceful. His charming smile defeats the glistening moon."

9. After hearing these verses of the Raghuvīrāṣṭaka, Lord Gaura wrote a word on Murāri's forehead.
10. Writing the word "Rāmadāsa" on Murāri's

forehead, Lord Gaura said: "By My mercy you are Rāmadāsa (Lord Rāma's servant).

11. "Without Lord Rāma you cannot live for even a single sesame seed's worth of time. I am your Lord Rāma. Please know that for certain."

12. Speaking these words, Lord Gaura manifested His form as Lord Rāmacandra. He was accompanied by Sītā-devī, and by all His companions and associates.

13. Murārī recited many prayers before the Lord's feet. He said: "Glory, glory to Lord Rāmacandra, who has now become Śacī's son!"

14. Again and again Murārī recited prayers. Then he rolled on the ground. Then he again spoke many different kinds of prayers.

15. Then Lord Gaura mercifully said to Murāri: "Please do not know anything but devotion to Me.

16. "If that is your desire, I will be Lord Rāmacandra to you. I will be Lord Rāmacandra, and you will taste the nectar of service to Me.

17. "Still, in this saṅkīrtana movement you must chant the glories of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. In this

way please render devotional service to Me. Please hear these words with all your heart."

18. After speaking these words, Lord Gaura recited a stanza. He said: "O brāhmaṇa Śrīvāsa, please listen as I recite this stanza (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.14.20):

19. {.fn 2}na sādhayatī māṁ yogo
na saṅkhyam dharmam uddhava
na svādhyāyas tapas tyāgo
yathā bhaktir mamorjita

"My dear Uddhava, neither through aṣṭāṅga-yoga (the mystic yoga system to control the senses) nor through impersonal monism or an analytical study of the Absolute Truth, nor through study of the Vedas, nor through practice of austerities, nor through charity, nor through acceptance of sannyāsa can one satisfy Me as much as one can by developing unalloyed devotional service unto Me."*

20. After reciting this verse, Lord Gaura said:

"Everyone please hear. Please follow My instruction.

21. "Following Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita's advice, please serve Me with devotion. Then you will become very happy.

22. "O Śrī Rāma Paṇḍita, please hear My words. Please serve your elder brother. That is the same as service to Me.

23. "All of you please understand this. All of you please serve Śrīvāsa. Then you will attain the splendor of My feet."

24. To everyone Lord Gaura, who dearly loves His devotees, spoke these words. Tears came from His red with mercy eyes.

25. Then intelligent Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita offered Lord Gaura some milk. The Lord happily drank it.

26. Then he offered the Lord fragrances, sandal, garlands, fragrant betelnuts, incense, and a lamp.

27. With a happy heart Lord Gaura accepted the offerings and then gave the remnants of them as gifts to His devotees.

28. In this way the night happily passed. At sunrise the Lord returned to His own home.

29. The devotees also returned to their homes. They bathed, worshiped their Deities, and again went to see Lord Gaura's lotus feet.

30. Smiling, Lord Gaura said to them: "Listen, a great wonder has come. Śrīpāda Nityānanda Avadhūta has come here."

31. "Who has the power to describe His glories? We are very fortunate. We must have performed many past pious deeds that today We will see His feet.

32. "Rāma, Nārāyaṇa, Mukunda, and Murāri, quickly find the answer to this question: Where is Nityānanda?"

33. When the Lord gave this command, they at once went searching in the southern part of the city.

34. They searched, but they could not find Him. Then they returned to Lord Gaura's lotus feet.

35. Folding their hands, they said to the Lord: "We searched, but we could not find Him."

36. Lord Gaura said: "Everyone please hear. Everyone should search their own homes."

37. On the Lord's command they all rushed to their homes.

38. At dusk they again met before Lord Gaura.

39. Seeing him walking on the path, the Lord called out: "Murāri!" Murārī replied: "Lord, I did not find the Avadhūta." Then Lord Gaura gently smiled.

40. Then the Lord confidently said: "The great saint is at Nandana Acārya's house. Let's go there.

41. Hearing these words, the devotees became joyful. Chanting "Jaya! Jaya!", they walked with the Lord.

42. Walking on the pathways, they made a great tumult of "Hari! Hari!" The hairs on Lord Gaura's body stood upright. His voice was choked with emotion.

43. Tears streamed from Lord Gaura's eyes in five or seven flooding rivers. Overcome with ecstatic love,

His golden youthful form had no power to walk.

44. One moment He strode like a powerful lion. The next moment, wild with ecstasy, He stumbled and fell, motionless, to the ground.

45. His deep voice was like a thundering raincloud.
Wild with bliss, He roared.

46. Overcome with bliss, Lord Gaura walked in this way. Then He suddenly saw Avadhūta Lord

Nityānanda Rāya.

47. Lord Nityānanda had a glorious ruddy fair complexion. He was very handsome. Glistening ornaments graced His limbs.
48. A glorious yellow garment graced His hips. On His head was a loosely tied turban the color of a yellow campaka flower.
49. As He walked, the anklets on His feet jingled. Hearing that sound, beautiful doe-eyed girls felt their hearts tremble.
50. His smiling like glistening lightning robbed the beautiful girls of their shyness.
51. His deep voice was like the rumbling of rainclouds. Hearing the lion's roar of His voice, the wild elephant of Kali-yuga was at once defeated.
52. His graceful walking was like the graceful walking of an intoxicated elephant. Flooding streams of ecstatic spiritual love flowed without stop on His cheerful face.
53. He was flooded with ecstatic love. The hairs of His body stood erect. He trembled, perspired, and manifested a host of ecstatic symptoms. He was

filled with the desire to taste the nectar rasas of
ecstatic love.

54. In His hand He held a golden staff to crush Kalī-
yuga's pride. His graceful palms were like red lotus
flowers.

55. He wore bracelets, armlets, necklaces, and a host
of jingling ornaments. On His cheeks were earrings.

He was glorious like the sun.

56. He stumbled and fell. Then He fell again. Then
He stood up. Someone said: "Hold Him up." Then
He asked the assembled devotees: "Where is Gopāla
Kṛṣṇa?"

57. He was like a divine child, a being not of this
world. One moment He wept. The next moment He
laughed. The next moment He addressed Revatī:
"Give Me some honey."

58. One moment He jumped and jumped with His
two feet. The next moment He spoke words no one
could understand.

59. The fragrance of His limbs filled the young girls
with bliss.

60. Falling to the ground, Lord Gaura offered

obeisances to Him. With sweet words Lord Gaura spoke auspicious prayers.

61. Then Lord Nityānanda fell before Lord Gaura's feet. They both tried to touch each other's feet.

62. They embraced. They wept and wept. How many times did They embrace? They talked and laughed. They gazed at each other's graceful faces.

63. "I wandered the whole earth. Where were You? I could not find You.

64. "Finally I heard that Nanda's son was hiding in Navadvīpa in Gauḍa-deśa.

65. "I came to catch the thief. Now I have Him in My grasp. Where will He flee to now?"

66. Saying these words, Lord Nityānanda laughed, wept, and danced. Lord Gaurāṅga joyfully danced at Nityānanda's side.

67. "Lord Nityānanda will crush Kali-yuga's pride. He will deliver the fallen, lame, blind, foolish, and everyone else.

68. "Lord Nityānanda's power will purify the three worlds. The fools, sinners, and offenders do not know His power.

69. "Everyone will fall into Lord Nityānanda's trap."

Lord Gauracandra spoke these words.

70. Then Lord Gaura happily performed saṅkīrtana of chanting Lord Hari's holy names. He danced and

Lord Nityānanda danced with Him.

71. When the dancing ended, They sat down together. Filled with bliss, everyone fixed their eyes on Them.

72. Then Lord Gaura took the dust from Lord Nityānanda's feet and placed it on the devotees heads.

73. When the dust of Lord Nityānanda's feet was placed on thee devotees heads, their hearts became filled with ecstatic spiritual love. Tears streamed from their eyes.

74. In this way the Lord enjoyed blissful pastimes moment after moment. Finally Lord Gaura, Śaci's son, returned to His own home.

75. Walking on the paths, He described Lord Nityānanda's glories. He said: "No one in the three worlds can compare with Lord Nityānanda.

76. "Everyone hear. Please hear My words.

Nityānanda's love and devotion for Lord Kṛṣṇa is not ordinary.

77. "First is born knowledge. After that devotional service is born within one. After that, detachment from sense pleasures takes its birth.

78. "In this way, day by day, gradually, gradually one falls in love with Lord Kṛṣṇa. Then one becomes advanced in spiritual life."

79. On another day Lord Mahāprabhu invited Lord Nityānanda, the best of sannyāsīs, to His home.

80. Again and again Lord Gaura offered alms to Lord Nityānanda. He anointed His limbs with sandal paste, offered Him a splendid garland, and rightly worshiped Him.

81. Gazing at Lord Nityānanda, Śacī felt her eyes become filled with cooling pleasure. Again and again gazing at His face, she became wild with ecstatic love.

82. Lord Gaura said to her: "Know that Nityānanda is your true son. Please take care of Him better than you take care of Me."

83. Loving Him like a son, Śacī gazed at Lord

Nityānanda's face. "You are my son.", Śacī-devī said.
84. "Please always be kind to my Viśvambhara. From
today on You are both my sons."

85. As she spoke and spoke in this way, tears flowed
from her eyes. Loving Him like a son, Śacī
embraced Lord Nityānanda.

86. Loving her like a mother, Lord Nityānanda fell
like a stick before Śacī's feet. He sweetly said:

87. "You say you are My mother, and that is the
truth. I am your son. Please know that for certain.

88. "A mother never takes seriously her son's
mischief. I am your son. Please know that is true in
every way."

89. Śacī was filled with a mother's love for Lord
Nityānanda. Tears flowed from her eyes. Her voice
was choked with emotion.

90. In this way Śacī tasted the nectar of a mother's
love for her two sons. As she gazed at her two sons,
her heart became filled with cooling pleasure.

91. On another day Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita invited Lord
Nityānanda for a meal. Avadhūta Lord Nityānanda
came to his home.

92. Lord Nityānanda enjoyed the meal. Śrīvāsa Pandita pleased Him in many ways. In that way the day passed.

93. At that moment smiling Lord Gaura Mahāprabhu entered Śrīvāsa's courtyard.

94. Entering the temple-room and sitting down on the Diety's throne, Lord Gaura said: "Look with your eyes at Me."

95. Hearing these words, Lord Nityānanda, the best of sannyāsīs, respectfully gazed at Lord Gaura's body.

96. What was Lord Gaura's intention? Lord Nityānanda did not exactly know.

97. Glancing at His associates, Lord Viśvambhara Mahāprabhu said:

98. "Everyone leave the temple room. On My command everyone leave the temple room."

99. What did Lord Gaura say to Lord Nityānanda when They were alone? Who knows the heart of that secret?

100. Lord Gaura said: "Look at Me. You struggled so greatly to find Me."

101. Then Lord Gaura manifested a si \emptyset -armed form,
then a four-armed form, and finally a two-armed
form.

102. Gazing at these very wonderful forms, Lord
Nityānanda Avadhūta remembered the pastimes
They both had enjoyed before.

103. As Lord Nityānanda watched, my Lord Gaura
manifested, īn a single form, three avatāras.

104. Lord Nityānanda saw Lord Rāmacandra, Lord
Kṛṣṇa, and Lord Gaurāṅga combined in a single
glorious divine form. Then He saw the eternally
young teenage couple Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa.

105. Lord Nityānanda joyfully danced. His bliss had
no end. He was flooded with an ocean of ecstatic
spiritual love, an ocean that had no horizon.

106. Everyone please hear this wonderful story.
Locana dāsa sings this song glorifying Lord Gaura.

Advaita-Haridāsa-milana

Meeting Advaita and Haridāsa

Song 12

Refrain: Lord Gaura weeps. May Lord Gaura be manifest in my heart.

1. Now I will tell another wonderful story. No one has seen or heard of these pastimes of Lord Gaura.
2. Lord Gaura is the master of all the worlds, the Supreme Personality of Godhead now descended to the earth.
- 3-4. Persons who are offenders at heart, who are worthless like piles of ashes, whose intelligence is destroyed, and whose hearts are made dull and stunted by Lord Viṣṇu's māyā, will all become pure and holy saints when they hear of Lord Gaura's glories. They will become saints because their disease of materialism will die.
5. Once, during the ninth hour of the night, Lord Gaura suddenly began weeping.
6. Surprised, Śacī asked her son: "Dear one, why do

You weep? Will You not tell me.

7. "Hearing You weep, I could not be peaceful. I felt as if my body had burst into flames, or as if an arrow was shot into my heart."

8. Hearing His mother's words, Lord Gaura was silent. Then, sitting on His bed, He described what He saw in a dream.

9. He said: "I saw a person with a body handsome and glorious like a dark monsoon cloud. His crown was of peacock feathers. His effulgence was wonderful.

10. "He wore bracelets, armlets, necklaces, and anklets. On His forehead were sandal-paste moons. He was very effulgent.

11. "He wore yellow garments and held a flute in His left hand. With a joyful heart I gazed at His handsome form."

12. Lord Gaura wept. A flood of tears streamed from His eyes. "Don't tell anyone. No one should hear of this.", He said.

13. Hearing these nectar words from Lord Viśvambhara's mouth, Śacī became filled with bliss.

14. The hairs on Lord Viśvambhara's body stood erect. His body was effulgent.

15. At that moment Lord Nityānanda Rāya arrived from Śrīvāsa's house.

16. Lord Nityānanda saw Lord Viśvambhara manifest a very handsome form, an effulgent form with great arms and a deep navel.

17. In His right hand was a club, and in His left a flute. In another right hand was a lotus, and in another left hand was a bow.

18. His complexion was like molten gold. On His chest was a Kaustubha gem. A pair of shark-shaped earrings glistened at His cheeks.

19. A necklace of emeralds glistened on His chest. Avadhūta Nityānanda Rāya gazed at this wonderful form.

20. Lord Nityānanda gazed at this four-armed form. Suddenly there were no bow, no flute, and no four arms.

21. In a moment He was a two-armed form, a form very merciful to the people, His form of Lord Gaura.

22. Lord Nityānanda gazed at Lord Gaura, embraced

Him, and then began to sing and dance.

23. Overcome, He wildly danced. He was plunged in a great ocean of ecstatic spiritual love.

24. Lord Gaura said: "Taking Śrīvāsa, Nārāyaṇa, Śrī Rāma and Murārī with You, please depart.

25. "Go, O Avadhūta, to Advaita Acārya's house.
Tell Him of these wonders."

26. Hearing Lord Gaura's command, They all became joyful at heart.

27. Accompanied by Lord Nityānanda, with joyful hearts they hurried to Advaita Acārya's house.

28. Bowing down, they told everything. Hearing their words, Advaita Acārya danced, overcome with bliss.

29. Two by two They joyfully embraced. Nityānanda and Advaita joyfully danced.

30. They were plunged in an ocean of bliss. Tossed by the waves of that ocean, They called out like thundering clouds.

31. Nityānanda and Advaita talked of Lord Gaurāṅga's confidential pastimes. Talking and listening, They both became wild at heart.

32. Two days blissfully passed in this way. The Vaiṣṇavas blissfully sang Lord Gaura's glories.

33. After first placing their request at Lord Advaita's feet, the devotees quickly left to see Lord Gaura-Hari.

34. Approaching Lord Gaura, they all offered respectful obeisances. Folding his palms, Murārī recounted everything.

35. He described the confidential pastimes at Lord Advaita's home. Hearing these pastimes, Lord Gaura became joyful. A smile took birth upon His face.

36. Then next day Advaita Acārya came to see Lord Gaura's lotus feet.

37. Sitting in the temple room at Śrīvāsa's home, Lord Gaura gently smiled.

38. Then Lord Gaura joyfully sat on the Deity's throne. The effulgence of His body filled the room with light.

39. His body was effulgent like molten gold. Then, filled with the passion of ecstatic spiritusl love, His body became reddish like the morning sun.

40. His ornaments, garlands, and fragrant sandal all glistened. He was glorious like the full moon.

41. Gadādhara and Naraharī stood there. Śrī Raghunandana gazed at the graceful moon of Lord Gaura's face.

42. The devotees surrounded Lord Gaura on four sides. Glorious like a moon surrounded by a host of stars, Lord Gaura, the king of the brāhmaṇas, smiled.

43. Filled with the bliss of ecstatic love, Lord Nityānanda sat down before Lord Gaura. Gazing at Lord Gaura's face, Lord Nityānanda boisterously laughed and deeply wept.

44. At that time Lord Advaita also gazed at Lord Gaura. Lord Advaita Acārya, the moon of the brāhmaṇas, loudly roared like a lion.

45. From head to foot, the hairs of Lord Advaita's His body stood erect. The whole world could not contain the bliss in His heart.

46. Lord Advaita offered prayers and many gifts. He placed splendid new cloth before Lord Gaura's lotus feet.

47. Offering tulasi-mañjaris, He worshiped Lord Gaura. He offered fragrant sandal and a fragrant jasmine garland.

48. Falling down like a stick, He offered respectful obeisances. Lord Gaura picked Him up and embraced Him.

49. Lord Gaura accepted the offerings and then distributed the remnants of them to the devotees.

50. The garments and ornaments adorned His graceful body. Calling out, "Hari! Hari!", He danced with the devotees.

51. Lord Advaita Acārya, Lord Nityānanda Rāya, Śrīvāsa, Murāri, and Mukunda sang Lord Gaura's glories.

52. All the Vaiṣṇavas there were filled with bliss. Forgetting themselves, they tasted the nectar of rasa.

53. Praising each other, they said: "You are fortunate. Fortunate." They thought the happiness of impersonal nirvāṇa was very pathetic and unimportant.

54. Filled with the bliss of spiritual love, they did

not know if it was day or night. Their hearts were overcome with bliss.

55. At sunrise their dancing began. When night came they continued to dance. When the sun rose again they were still dancing.

56.)vercome with the bliss of spiritual love, they passed day and night in this way. Finally Lord Gaura commanded them to stop dancing.

57. He said: "Return to your homes, bathe, and worship your Deities. After you have taken your meals, return here. "

58. When these duties were completed, the devotees met again at Lord Gaura's feet.

59-61. At that time the great soul Haridāsa, who with a joyful heart always chanted Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names, who was like a bumblebee intoxicated by tasting the pollen of Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet, and who, wild by tasting the nectar of the spiritual rasas was like a lion cub, unexpectedly came to Navadvīpa. Happily smiling, Lord Gaura said: "He has come. He has come."

62. With great love Lord Mahāprabhu embraced

Haridāsa and offered him a sitting place.

63. Wise Haridāsa bowed down to offer respects.

The Lord grasped his hand and picked him up.

64. The Lord anointed his body with fragrant sandal paste. The Lord placed His own prasādam flower garland on Haridāsa's body.

65. Then the Lord commanded him to eat. He offered him abundant mahā-prasādam food.

66-67. In this way, accompanied by Haridāsa, Advaita Acārya, Nityānanda, Śrīvāsa, and a host of devotees, with a joyful heart Lord Mahāprabhu enjoyed saṅkīrtana pastimes of chanting Lord Hari's holy names.

68. Day and night passed in these blissful pastimes.

At the end, saying, "Now please go home", Lord Gaura bid farewell to Advaita Acārya.

69. Obeying Lord Gaura's command, Advaita Acārya returned to His home. Whoever saw or heard these pastimes was overcome with bliss.

70. Then Lord Gaura bid farewell to Avadhūta Lord Nityānanda Rāya.

71. Walking a few steps with Him, Lord Gaura was

overcome with ecstatic love. He did not allow Him to go very far.

72. Lord Nityānanda could not bring Himself to depart, even though Lord Gaura had bid HIm farewell.

73. As He was bidding Him farewell, Lord Gaura said to Him: "Please give a portion of Your kaupīna to these devotees."

74. On Lord Gaura's word, Avadhūta Lord Nityānanda gave a wonderful portion of His kaupīna to the devotees.

75. Accepting that portion of the kaupīna, Lord Gaura smiled and gave it to His personal associates.

76. Accepting that kaupīna-prasādam, the devotees wrapped portions of it around their heads.

77. Finally bidding farewell to Lord Nityānanda's lotus feet, Lord Gaura's associates returned to their homes.

78. Their hearts filled with despair, they all returned to their homes. As they sat in their homes, tears streamed from their eyes.

79. For some moments they bathed and worshiped

their Deities. But at dusk they all went to see Lord Gaura-Hari.

80. Lord Nityānanda went to Lord Advaita Acārya Gosāi's home. Day and night They happily talked of Lord Gaurāṅga.

81. Everyone please hear the story of another day's pastimes. When you hear it you will attain ecstatic devotion for Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet.

82. Songs glorifying Lord Gaura are the sweetest nectar. The wonderful stories they tell are beyond what the world or the Vedas have the power to know.

83. Lord Gaura gazed at His associates and embraced them. Hearing the chanting of His own glories, He danced in ecstasy.

84. On the four sides everyone joyfully sang and danced. In the center Lord Gaura Rāya danced, overcome with bliss.

85. Taking Śrīvāsa's hand in His, Lord Viśvambhara suddenly departed. Where did He go? I don't know.

86. In the four directions the devotees sang and danced, but Lord Mahāprabhu was not in their

midst. No one could see Him.

87. Fear took birth in the devotees hearts.

Distraught, everyone wept.

88. They rooled on the ground and wept. No one was peaceful and composed. Everyone in Nadiyā wept.

89. They all ran. They searched house after house. They did not find the Lord. Tears streamed from their eyes.

90. "Where did my Lord go? I will drink poison and die."

91. Everyone lamented in this way. Hearing these laments, Sacī fell unconscious.

92. Her garments were not neatly arranged. Her hair was untied. Striking her breatsts and running about, she was like a wild woman.

93. "Son! Dear son!", she called out. "Viśvambhara! Come home! Si \varnothing hours have already passed!

94. "You are the lamp of our family! You are the moon of Nadiyā! You are the star of my eyes. Unable to see You, I will go blind!"

95. Seeing how everyone was now overcome, Lord

Gaura, who dearly loves His devotees, suddenly came before them.

96. As a rising sun suddenly appears in the blinding darkness, so Lord Gaura suddenly appeared in the Vaiṣṇavas hearts.

97. Falling before the Lord's feet, the devotees loudly wept. Gazing at His graceful face, they wildly danced.

98. Someone said: "Lord Mahāprabhu, when our eyes could not see You, the ten directions became filled with blinding darkness."

99. Now become wild, Śacī embraced her son. Millions of kisses she placed on His lotus face.

100. "I am a blind woman, and You are My walking-stick. You are the stars shining in my eyes. You are the soul that keeps my body alive. You are all I have. I have nothing but You.

101. "My whole world became a barren desert. But now the rising moon of Gaura has killed the blinding darkness."

102. Murāri, Mukunda Datta, and Haridāsa humbly said: "O Śrīvāsa, please hear our words.

103. "The Lord thinks no servant more dear than you. It is by your mercy the Lord's feet noe stand before us.

104. "What can we say to you? Please be merciful to us."

105. After speaking these words, everyone sang the glories of Lord Hari. Wild with ecstatic spiritual love, Lord Gaura Rāya danced.

106. Everyone please hear this wonderful story, the story of how in Navadvīpa Lord Gaura revealed the jewel of ecstatic spiritual love.

107. Pure ecstatic love and devotion is very rare in the three worlds. Who has the power to attain it?

108. Even Lakṣmī, Ananta, Śiva, and Sanatkumāra do not know the heart of pure ecstatic devotion.

109. Lord Gaura revealed the truth about pure ecstatic love and devotion. With a joyful heart Locana dāsa speaks these words.

Bhakta-gaṇa-saha-vihāra o Jagāi-Mādhāi-uddhāra

Song 13 (Dhanaśī rāga)

Refrain: O! O! He who has a wonderful golden form
dances in Nadiyā.

1. Forgetting Himself, Lord Gaura manifested the ecstasy of spiritual love. In this way He enjoyed pastimes in Navadvīpa.
2. Although He is supremely independent, He agrees to be controlled by His devotees. Very humble, He begs His devotees for the gift of ecstatic spiritual love.
3. The people of this world cannot understand the ways of His pastimes. Only His personal associates understand His intentions.
4. Understanding His intentions, Śrīvāsa, Haridāsa, Murāri, and Mukunda sang. They were overcome with the bliss of spiritual love.
5. Overcome with bliss, the Lord's personal associates sang and danced. Then Avadhūta Lord Nityānanda Rāya arrived.

6. Someone said: "Avadhūta Lord Nityānanda has come!" There were greetings of "Jaya! Jaya!" Everyone joyfully sang auspicious songs.

7. Lord Nityānanda walked slowly like an intoxicated person. But when He heard the sounds of "Hari! Hari!", His heart was overcome.

8. He stopped. He became unsteady. His feet walked and then stopped. He looked in the four directions.

9. From head to foot the hairs of His body stood erect, hairs that defeated the glory of the kadamba flower's filaments .

10. He tilted His neck. With two reddish eyes He intently looked about. Then He became wild. He screamed and He ran.

11. He ran to the hundreds and hundreds of devotees. Overcome with bliss, He ran to Lord Gaura Rāya.

12. Seeing Lord Nityānanda, Lord Gaurāṅga tightly embraced Him. They were both overcome with spiritual love.

13. From Their eyes tears of spiritual love and bliss

flowed. Overcome with bliss, Their bodies trembled.

14. They blissfully danced with Their associates. They were like Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma surrounded by the cowherd boys.

15. When the dancing came to an end, Lord Gaura announced: "Now please wash Lord Nityānanda's feet.

16. "On your heads accept the water that has washed Lord Nityānanda's feet. Then you will be tossed by waves of spiritual bliss and love."

17. Hearing Lord Gaura's command, everyone felt their hearts become filled with bliss.

18. They said: "We accept the Lord's command. On our heads we will place the water that has washed Lord Nityānanda's feet."

19. Hearing Lord Gaura's command, Lord Nityānanda wept in ecstatic love. Tears fell from His reddish eyes.

20. He joyfully embraced everyone. Everyone was tossed by blissful waves in the ocean of spiritual love.

21. Overcome with spiritual love, everyone wept.

They held Lord Nityānanda's feet to their hearts.
22. There was an endless festival of spiritual love.
Within their hearts everyone was effulgent with
love. Outwardly on their bodies were the various
symptoms of ecstatic love.

23. Seeing this, Lord Gaura was pleased at heart.
Smiling, He watched.

24. Surrounding Him on four sides, the devotees
spoke many prayers. At that moment Haridāsa
suddenly arrived.

25. A glistening jewel necklace rested on his neck,
and anklets of gold and jewels rested on his reddish
feet.

26. The hairs of his body stood erect. His eyes were
filled with tears. His body trembled in ecstatic love.
He roared in ecstasy.

27. Üe danced ecstatically before the Lord. The
whole world could not contain the bliss and love he
felt.

28. To Lord Gaura Haridāsa offered pādya, arghya,
and ācamana. Then Lord Gaura asked him to accept
some food.

29. At that moment Advaita Acārya suddenly arrived. Approaching Lord Gaura, he offered respectful obeisances.

30. Lord Gaura picked Him up and then offered obeisances to Him. Everyone stood respectfully and then bowed down to offer respects.

31. Manifesting the form of Lord Brahmā, Haridāsa danced and danced. Then he fell like a stick before Lord Gaura's feet.

32. With his four mouths he loudly recited many prayers from the Vedas. Saying, "Be as you were before", Lord Gaura picked him up and embraced him.

33. Manifesting his form as Haridāsa again, he wept, laughed, and danced. He floated in a limitless ocean of spiritual bliss and love, an ocean that had no horizon.

34. Respectfully placing Lord Gaura's command on his head, Advaita Acārya Gosāī also honored prasādam.

35. Accompanied by all His associates, Lord Gaura sat down in a private room. He gently smiled.

36. To His associates Lord Gaura talked about Himself. He told them of His plan to save the world.
37. Lord Gaura said: "I will taste the sweet nectar of ecstatic love. I will destroy irreligion. I will establish the true religion. I will manifest the *nāma-saṅkīrtana* movement of chanting the Lord's holy names.
38. "In country after country, in home after home, I will manifest the ecstasies of Vraja: the *dāsyā*, *sakhya*, *vātsalya*, and *śrṅgāra* rasas.
39. "I will enjoy the great treasure of love for Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. I will enjoy it Myself and I will distribute it to the three worlds. I will make everyone enjoy it.
40. "I will give that treasure of ecstatic spiritual love to the devotees and demons, to the *caṇḍālas*, *yavanas*, fools, women, and children.
41. "The bliss of Vṛndāvana I will bring to Nadiyā. In country after country I will make every person taste that bliss."
42. In this one book I will tell these wonderful narrations, the narrations of Lord Gaura's pastimes

in Nadiyā.

43. Gadādhara and Naraharī sat at Lord Gaura's two sides, and Śrī Raghunandna happily sat at the Lord's feet.

44. Lord Advaita Acārya and Lord Nityānanda Rāya sang songs glorifying Lord Gaura.

45. Murāri, Mukunda Datta, Śrīvāsa, Haridāsa, and the other devotees were all the abodes of ecstatic spiritual love.

46. Śuklāmbara, Vakresvara, Śrīmān, Sañjaya, Śrīdhara Paṇḍita, and many others were all great souls.

47. Who has the power to glorify all the great souls properly? They accompanied Lord Gaura when He descended to this earth.

48. With a joyful heart Locana dāsa declares:
Nothing is equal to Lord Gaura's pastimes in
Nadiyā.

Song 14 (Śrī rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: Lord Gaura is my very life! O! O! O! The Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is known as Hari, Rāma, and Nārāyaṇa, has now become Śaci's son effulgent like gold!

49. Everyone please listen. I will tell a very wonderful story. Anyone who hears this story will become free of all sins.

50. Making His home in Navadvīpa, Lord Gauracandra enjoyed many pastimes with His students.

51. The devotees would assemble and, with great love and bliss, chant the holy names in saṅkīrtana.
52. Smiling, Lord Gaura told the devotees: "In house after house please chant the holy names of Lord Hari.

53-54. "Teach the children, adults, cāṇḍālas, unfortunates, saints, sinners, and everyone else in Navadvīpa how to chant the holy names of Lord Hari. Then everyone will easily cross over this world of birth and death."

55. Hearing these words, the devotees said to the Lord: "We have no power to chant Lord Hari's holy names from house to house.

56. "In Navadvīpa dwell two very wicked persons. Their sins have no end.

57. "They are two brothers. Though they are brāhmaṇas, they are great sinners. They have great power in Navadvīpa. Their names are Jagāī and Mādhāī.

58. "They will not leave any woman, be she a brāhmaṇī, a yavāṇī, or a guru's wife, in peace. They drink wine. They turn from any pious deed.

59. "Again and again they violently attack the brāhmaṇas, gurus, and Deities. If they do not see their victims outside, they invade their homes and attack them there.

60. "Hundreds and hundreds of times they have murdered brāhmaṇas, women, and cows. How many are their sins? I have no power to count them.

61. "Though they live by the Gaṅgā's bank, they never bathe in her waters. In this birth they have never worshiped the Supreme Lord.

62. "Again and again they hurt even their friends and kinsmen. They are great offenders. They hate Śrī Kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtana, the chanting of Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names."

63. On that day the devotees spoke these words to Lord Gaura.

64. When he heard everyone speak these words, Lord Gaura became angry in His heart.

65. His two eyes became red like the rising sun. In His heart He thought:

66. "A sinner-brāhmaṇa named Ajāmila spoke at the moment of his death the word Nārāyaṇa.

67. "Though he spoke the word Nārāyaṇa only out of love for his son, that brāhmaṇa attained a spiritual body and went to Vaikuṇṭha.

68. "But Jagāī and Mādhāī are more sinful than Ajāmila. How will I deliver them?

69. "When I think of them I fell unhappy at heart." Then the Lord openly spoke. He said: "Everyone please hear My words.

70. "Hari-nāma-saṅkīrtana, the chanting of Lord Hari's holy names, is the kalī-yuga-dharma, the

religion for Kalī-yuga. By chanting the holy names
one performs all pious deeds.

71. "Everyone should gather with his friends and
kinsmen and chant the holy names.

72. "There should be a fragrant breeze of song.
There should be mṛdaṅgas and karatālas. There
should be sweet loud chanting of the holy names.

73. "I will fill the city with kīrtana, the chanting of
the holy names. When the people hear it, they will
all come and join the chanting.

74-76. Lord Advaita Acārya and His followers, the
smiling Avadhūta Lord Nityānanda, Haridāsa, and
Śrīvāsa with his four brothers, as well as Murāri,
Mukunda Datta, Gadādhara Paṇḍita, Śrī
Candraśekhara Acārya, Śuklāmbara, and all the
other personal associates of the Lord assembled at
Lord Gaura's house.

77. By Lord Gaura's command all the devotees
assembled there.

78. Everyone began a great kīrtana of chanting the
holy names. Then Lord Gaura led them in a
procession.

79. Tossed by waves of bliss, they walked through the neighborhoods of Nadīyā. Their chanting of "Hari! Hari!" rose and filled the sky.

80. Meanwhile Jagāī and Mādhāī slept in their house. Drunk with wine, the two brothers slept.

81. Lord Gaura brought His kīrtana along the path to their house. Everyone in Nadīyā ran to watch.

82. There was a tumultuous kīrtana with karatālas, mṛdaṅgas, and other musical instruments. In the four directions "Hari! Hari!" were the only sounds anyone could hear.

83. The tumultuous kīrtana wakened the two brothers. Raising their heads, they looked. Then they screamed with rage.

84. With eyes red with rage, they watched. When they heard the kīrtana's sound it was like an iron club striking their ears.

85. The kīrtana's sound was like an iron lance pushed into their hearts. "If you wish to stay alive, then please be quiet."

86. These words the people in the neighboring houses said. They said: "Please stop at once. Who is

it that has made these powerful men so angry?

87. "We command you: Go at once. We forbid you to sing. By whose power have you come by this path?"

88. The neighbor-messenger said to Jagāī and Mādhāī: "Accompanied by a host of brāhmaṇas, the brāhmaṇa Nimāī Paṇḍita, who is Jagannātha Miśra's son, performs kīrtana of chanting the holy names."

89. Jagāī and Mādhāī said: "Forbid Him to sing. Make Him walk on another path. If He wishes to remain alive, He should be quiet.

90. "If He does not understand, if He continues this senseless uproar, then with my own hands I will take away His caste, His kinsmen, and the breath that keeps Him alive."

91. Saying these words, Jagāī and Mādhāī sent the messenger back to the devotees. The messenger said to Lord Gaura: "Please listen, O son of Śacī.

92. "Raising Your arms, You chant the holy names of Lord Harī from house to house.

93. "In this way You double the spiritual love and bliss in the world. Your chanting of "Hari! Haribol!"

touches the sky."

94. Meanwhile, unable to tolerate the sound of the kīrtana, the two sinful-hearted brothers rushed out the door of their house.

95. Their faces and eyes were red with rage. Their garments fell and fell from their limbs.

96. They trembled as they walked. They were almost unconscious with rage. Their voices roared with a host of threats and curses.

97. They looked in the four directions. They walked up to Lord Gaura. "Be smart and get out!", they screamed.

98. "Ha! Ha! Brāhmaṇa, You should try to save Yourself a lot of trouble." Then they spoke a host of threats and curses.

99. Seeing this angry outburst, the people of Nadīyā looked at each other in the four directions. They were frightened.

100-101. Accompanied by Lord Advaita Acārya Gosāi, Lord Nityānanda, Haridāsa, Śrīvāsa, Murāri, Mukunda, and all His associates, Lord Viśvambhara again sang the holy names of Lord Hari.

102. They happily sang Lord Hari's holy names. They never tired of singing Them. At this point Jagāī and Mādhāī became wild with rage.

103. Grabbing a stick, one of them smashed a clay pot into pieces. Then the two brothers ran toward the devotees.

104. They angrily pelted the devotees with fragments from the broken pot. One of those pieces struck Lord Nityānanda's head.

105. Where the pot fragment struck blood began to flow. Seeing this, the devotees said: "Alas! Alas!"

106. Seeing this, Lord Gaura became filled with sorrow. To the two sinners He shouted:

107. "No one is more sinful than you. Reports of Your sins fill the whole earth.

108. "You have done what no one else dare do. Look at what you have done!"

109. Saying these words, Lord Gaura went to Lord Nityānanda. With cloth from His own garment Lord Gaura bandaged Lord Nityānanda's wound.

110-111. Lord Gaura knew the great glory of Śrīpada Nityānanda. If a single drop of Lord Nityānanda's

blood had fallen to the ground, great inauspiciousness would have come to the earth. Therefore with care and fear Lord Gaura, with cloth from His own garment, bandaged the wound on Lord Nityānanda's head.

112. Then Lord Gaura angrily called for His Sudarśana-cakra, With folded hands the Sudarśana-cakra respectfully stood before the Lord.

113. The Sudarśana-cakra said: "Glory, glory to Lord Mahāprabhu, to Śacī's son! O master, what is Your command for me?"

114. Lord Gaura said: "Kill Jagāī and Mādhāī. They wounded Lord Nityānanda and brought great sorrow to My heart."

115. Hearing these words, the Sudarśana-cakra burst into flames, the same flames that destroy the universe when the worlds are all destroyed. Then the flaming Sudarśana-cakra charged at Jagāī and Mādhāī.

116. Seeing the flaming Sudarśana-cakra attacking them, Jagāī and Mādhāī felt their hearts fill with fear. Their bodies trembled.

117. Glancing at the Sudarśana-cakra, Lord Nityānanda smiled and said: "Lord, why reveal Your powers in this way?

118. "We have kindly come here to deliver all the fallen, wretched, patheic sinners in the three worlds.

119. "We should deliver Jagāī and Mādhāī. We should be the friends of the fallen. Then We will protect Our good reputation as the purifiers of the fallen (patita-pāvana)."

120. Speaking these words, Lord Nityānanda fell at Lord Gaura's feet. Before Lord Gaura's feet He placed this humble request:

121. "Lord, please give these two sinners to Me. Then the people will call Us by the name Patita-pāvana (the purifiers of the fallen).

122. "In other yugas We killed many demons. But these two sinners We should deliver. We should deliver them, body and soul."

123. Hearing Lord Nityānanda's words, merciful Lord Gaura said: "Glory to You, Nityānanda! Glory to You, O son of Rohinī!"

124. "I am Your submissive servant. This all the scriptures say. I agree with all You have said.

125. "Anyone who just once his life speaks the word 'Nityānanda becomes purified. He becomes My pure devotee."

126. Then, accompanied by His personal associates, Lord Gaura returned to His own home. Filled with wonder, Jagāī and Mādhāī stood there.

127. The sound of saṅkīrtana and the sight of Lord Mahāprabhu filled them with wonder. Stunned, they stared ahead.

128. Again and again in their hearts they tried to understand the meaning of Lord Mahāprabhu's words.

129. "There is no sin that we have not done, that we have not done. We attacked a sannyāsī."

130. As they thought in this way again and again, their hearts became pure and free from sin. Look! Look at the power of Lord Mahāprabhu's mercy!

131. Filled with sorrow and repentance, the two brothers ran. Seeing them, the people of Nadīyā became filled with wonder.

132. Finally coming to Lord Mahāprabhu's door,
they called out: "Lord! Lord!"

133. Sitting at home amongst His associates, Lord Gaura said: "Who calls for Me? Please see who is at the door.

134. "Murāri, please bring the visitors here to Me."

Following the Lord's command, Murārī embraced the two brothers and brought them before the Lord.

135. Seeing the Lord, the two brothers made a great sound of grief and repentance. They fell to the ground before the Lord's feet. They wept. They said:

136. "You are the purifier of the fallen. You are an ocean of mercy, the master of the worlds, the friend of the fallen.

137. "You are an ocean of mercy. O Lord, Your heart is filled with mercy." Seeing the two brothers anguished repentance, Lord Gaura melted with mercy.

138. Picking them up, Lord Gaura asked them: "Listen, O Jagāī and Mādhāī. Why have you come to My place? Why do you weep?

139. "You are the two great masters of Navadvīpa.

You are very wise and learned. Why do you weep?"

140. Hearing the Lord's words, Jagāī and Mādhāī said: "It is only because of Your mercy that we have come to You.

141. "How many cows have we killed? How many women? How many men? How many sins have we committed. No one can count them.

142. "Fie on us, the so-called masters of Navadvīpa. We have killed many brāhmaṇas and many gurus.

143. "How many girls from brāhmaṇa, yavana, and caṇḍāla families did we not leave in peace? How many guru's wives did we not leave in peace?

144. "To the people of the world we gave nothing but violence. We did no pious rituals to please the demigods or pitās.

145. "We are worthless like piles of ashes. What more can we say to You? The nŚrī number of hairs on our heads does not equal the number of our sins.

146. "Everyone say the person named Ajāmila was a great sinner. Still, they do not say he was not more of a sinner than us.

147. "When Ajāmila spoke the name 'Nārāyaṇa', Lord

Nārāyaṇa delivered him. Lord Nārāyaṇa did not come and deliver us.

148. "People like us are never delivered. Why do You feel compassion for us?"

149. Hearing these words of sincere sorrow and repentance, Lord Gaura said: "I give My mercy to you."

150. When He sees the sorrows of sorrowful souls, the Supreme Lord also feels sorrow. Therefore He is mercy personified. His form is filled with mercy.

151. He is an ocean of mercy. He shows great mercy. Taking the two brothers with Him, the Lord then went to the Gaṅgā's bank.

152. The people of Nadīyā ran there to see the great wonder. There Lord Gaura manifested very wonderful ecstatic spiritual love.

153. Respectfully standing, the brāhmaṇas and saintly devotees watched. In their presence Lord Gaura spoke these merciful words:

154. "Now I will take upon Myself all your sins.
Please give all your sins to Me."

155. Speaking these words, Lord Gaura extended

His hand to accept a tulasi leaf. Frightened, the two brothers would not give the tulasi leaf.

156. Then Lord Gaura, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, mercifully said: "Jagai and Madhai, now you must give your sins to Me."

157. Jagai and Madhai said: "Lord, please listen. No one can even count our sins.

158. "We are the lowest of lowly persons, the most sinful of sinners. At the thought of giving our sins to You, our hearts tremble in fear."

159. When Lord Gaura heard these words, tears streamed from His eyes. Then, in a voice like thundering cloud, He said: "Haribol!"

160. Again Lord Gaura extended His hand to accept their sins. Then Jagai and Madhai placed the tulasi leaf in Lord Gaura's hand.

161. From the four sides came a great tumult of "Hari! Haribol!" Then Lord Gaura embraced Jagai and Madhai.

162. Touching them, Lord Gaura delivered Jagai and Madhai. He took all their sins upon Himself.

163. Overcome with ecstatic spiritual love, Jagai and

Mādhāī spoke half-formed words with a choked voice. The tears from their eyes drenched their garments.

164. They trembled. The hairs on their bodies stood erect. Before the Lord's feet they fell to the ground. They spoke many prayers filled with anguished repentance.

165. In this way Lord Gaura delivered them and many others also. Lord Gaura is an ocean of mercy. He is the great purifier of the very fallen.

166. In this way Lord Gaura delivered Jagāī and Mādhāī from their sins. Filled with ecstatic spiritual love by the touch of Lord Gaura's glorious graceful body, Jagāī and Mādhāī danced.

167. Thus taking on Himself all of Jagāī's and Mādhāī's sins, Lord Viśvambhara, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, also danced.

168. Who is glorious and supreme like Lord Gaura? He is an ocean of mercy. He does not see faults. He loves everyone.

169. Happy to have delivered some fallen souls, Lord Gaura danced. This pastime brings great hope to

Locana dāsa, who remains shackled in the prison of
māya.

Mahāprabhur Bhagavad-bhāve Vicitra-līlā

Lord Mahāprabhu's Extraordinary Pastime of
Manifesting Lord Nṛṣṇa's Form

Song 15 (Dhanaśī rāga)

Refrain: O Lord Gaura, O moon of the brāhmaṇas,
O Lord who, to free the people from the world of
birth and death, set various traps to catch the fallen
souls.

1. Glory to Lord Gaurāṅga! Glory to Gadādhara and Narahari! Anyone who hears Lord Gaurāṅga's glories attains ecstatic spiritual love.
2. Please hear the story of another day's wonderful pastimes. To Navadvīpa Lord Gaura brought the

most precious treasure.

3. Surounded by His associates in His own home, Lord Gaura placed very gentle words on the lotus flower of His mouth.
4. The words He spoke were like flooding rivers of nectar. Bathing in those rivers, the devotees became wild with bliss.
5. As Lord Gaura was enjoying these wonderful blissful pastimes, a wandering mendicant unexpectedly arrived.
6. This mendicant was named Vanamālī. He came with his son. He had been born in a brāhmaṇa family in East Bengal.
7. Seeing Lord Viśvambhara surrounded by His devotees, the brāhmaṇa and his son became filled with joy.
8. The brāhmaṇa and the boy could not speak. In a voice choked with ecstasy the brāhmaṇa said:
9. "I am afflicted by poverty. Although I am poor, I always remained pure and upright.
10. "I know for certain that Viśvambhara is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This I see

directly. He is no other.

11. "Now my birth in this world has borne its fruit, for I have seen fair Lord Viśvambhara, who is a treasure house of all transcendental virtues.

12. "Now that I gaze at Him, I feel my heart filled with cooling pleasure. Now the horrible flames of my poverty are all extinguished.

13. "By tasting nectar food, one is pleased within. In the same way when I gaze at Lord Gauracandra I feel my body is sprinkled with showers of nectar."

14. With merciful eyes Lord Gaura glanced at the two brāhmaṇas.

15. The two brāhmaṇas then happily sang the glories of Lord Hari. By Lord Gaura's mercy they attained the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love.

16. The brāhmaṇa and his son joyfully dance. In a moment the size of a single sesame seed the ropes that bound them to the world of birth and death were cut.

17. Lord Gaura Mahaprabhu is an ocean of mercy. No one else is a greater friend of the poor and fallen.

18. On another day Lord Viśvambhara, the king of
dancers, danced in the midst of saṅkīrtana.
19. At that time the two brāhmaṇas again came.
Watching, the boy became filled with wonder.
20. Where His fair form once was, Lord Gaura now
manifested a dark form. His hips were decorated
with a yellow cloth. In His hands was a flute.
21. The peacock feather in His crown fluttered in
the breeze. Gazing at this form, the devotees began
to sing.
22. In this way everyone saw Lord Kṛṣṇa, whose
form is dark and who is the king of dancers,
manifest with Śrī Rādhā in Vṛndāvana forest.
23. They saw the Yamunā, Govardhana Hill,
Bahulāvana, Bhāṇḍīavana, Madhuvana, and many
other places also.
24. They saw the cows, gopīs, and gopas. In
Navadvīpa they saw Lord Kṛṣṇa, the cowherd boy
handsome like Kāmadeva.
25. Seeing all this, the brāhmaṇa fell unconscious.
The hairs of his body stood erect. Tears filled his
eyes.

26. Then he roared like a thundering cloud. He slapped his arms. He called out: "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!" He became like a brass-pot cymbal making a great din in a noisy marketplace.

27. Seeing this, the Lord stopped dancing. "Hold him. Hold him still.", He said. The devotees held the brāhmaṇa.

28. Everyone please hear these songs of Lord Gaura. Lord Gaura is the Supreme Personality of Godhead.
He is eternally young.

29. He cuts the shackles of karma. He gives the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love. Who is like Him?

30. When there was no material world, He created it. He is attained only by loving devotion. He is beyond the touch of the material senses.

31. Again and again He mercifully gives to the people the prasādam remnants of His divine garlands, sandal-paste, and food. He is not proud.
He loves everyone.

32. He is always untouched by matter, yet no spirit soul in the material world is ever bereft of His company. He performs no pious rituals, yet it is He

who commands that pious rituals be performed.

33. In the Vedas He declares what actions are right, yet He feels free to break His own rules any time He pleases.

34. To the people He gives the great treasure of ecstatic love and devotion to the Supreme Lord, who is Himself. He is called "Nava-vidhātā-ratna" (the jewel who is the eternally young Supreme Personality of Godhead).

35. My Gaura Rāya is an ocean of mercy. To everyone He easily gives the greatest treasure.

36. Lord Gaura gives the great treasure of ecstatic spiritual love. No one else gives it. Locana dāsa says this: Please worship Lord Gaura, the eternally young Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Song 16

Refrain: Anyone who once sees Lord Gaura's form will not, even till the moment of death, forget Him.

37. Now please hear the wonderful pastimes of another day. The Lord enjoyed blissful pastimes in Śrīvās'as home.

38. One day Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita performed rituals for the pitās. With a pure heart he listened to the recitation of Viṣṇu-sahasra-nāma (thousand names of Lord Viṣṇu).

39. At that time Lord Gaura came to visit. Hearing the thousand names, Lord Gaura felt His every desire was fulfilled.

40. Listening and listening, Lord Gaura heard the name "Nṛsiṁha". At that moment Lord Gaura's two eyes became red with anger. He shook His hair upward.

41. The hairs of His body stood erect. His body became red. He roared like a lion.

42. Taking a stick in His hand, He began to run about. Seeing Him, all the people felt their hearts tremble.

43. Then Lord Gaura began to chase everyone. His hair was no longer bound. Filled with anger, Lord

Gaura had no power to restrain Himself.

44. Seeing Lord Nṛsimha, everyone fled. In amoment Lord Gaura put doen His stick and abandoned His manifestation of Lord Nṛsimha.
45. Śacī's son is the seed from where all avatāras grow. Whenevr He wishes He can manifest any avatāra.

46. Stopping His manifestation of Lord Nṛsimha, Lord Gaura sat down on His seat. Surprised, Lord Gaura said:

47. "I don't know what I just did. Did I commit any offense? What do you think in your hearts?"

48. Hearing these words, everyone said: "Why do You speak these words? How can You commit an offense?"

49. Śrīvāsa said: "Whoever sees You becoems free from the shackles of material life."

50. Everyone please hear the story of another day's pastimes. One day a persons singing Lord Śiva's glories arrived.

51. He offered obeisances to the feet of Lord Gaura-Hari, and then with a happy heart he sang Lord

Śiva's glories.

52. "Śiva! Śiva!", he joyfully called out. Pure devotion for Lord Śiva was manifest in his body.

53. Listening, Lord Gaura became joyful at heart. As He heard Lord Śiva's glories, Lord Gaura felt His joy increase more and more.

54. Manifesting the nature of Lord Śiva, Lord Gaura danced. Forgetting himself, the devotee of Lord Śiva was filled with joy.

55. Then Lord Gaura climbed on that devotee's shoulders. No one is fortunate like that devotee.

56. Carrying Lord Gaura on his shoulders, that devotee joyfully sang and danced. His eyes now red, Lord Gaura manifested the form of Lord Śiva.

57. The Lord spoke orders like Lord Śiva. He spoke words like Lord Śiva's words. He played a ḍambaru drum. With His mouth He loudly sounded on a horn.

58. Loudly chanting, "Rāma! Kṛṣṇa!", Lord Gaura laughed and wept. Filled with the sentiments of Lord Śiva, Lord Gaura wept.

59. Aware of all spiritual truths, Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita

carefully recited many prayers.

60. Śrī Mukunda Datta also recited many prayers. Aware of all spiritual truths, they joyfully danced.

61. Lord Gaura descended from the singer's shoulders. With great devotion, Lord Gaura sang the glories of Lord Hari.

62. Wild with bliss, Lord Gaura danced. Joyfully singing the glories of Lord Hari, Lord Gaura was plunged in an ocean of bliss.

63. In this way Lord Gaura, who is an ocean of mercy, showed great mercy. Hearing of this pastime, Locana dāsa is overcome with bliss.

Song 17 (Diśā)

Refrain: Lord Gaurāṅga places ecstatic spiritual love in the living entities hearts. Who will not weep to hear of Lord Gaurāṅga's glories?

64. Now please hear the wonderful pastime of

another day. Lord Gaura had just completed His pastime of dancing with His associates.

65. Lord Gaura fell to the ground like a stick.

Everyone joyfully sang: "Hari! Hari!"

66. At that moment a brāhmaṇa came and, smiling, took the dust of Lord Gaura's lotus feet.

67. Seeing this, Lord Gaura suddenly jumped up. Seeing what the brāhmaṇa had done, Lord Gaura became very unhappy.

68. His face became withered with grief. Filled with rage, He breathed heavily from His nostrils.

69. Lord Gaura stood up, ran, and jumped into the Gaṅgā's waters.

70. The Lord sank into the waters. No one could see Him. Everyone jumped in after Him.

71. The people of Nadīyā became wild. Everyone wept with grief.

72. Calling "Son! Son!", Mother Śacī ran and tried to jump into the water.

73. Like a wild woman she wept. She wept and wept and wept. She rolled on the ground.

74. Seeing how everyone was filled with anguish,

Avadhūta Lord Nityānanda Rāya jumped into the Gaṅgā.

75. Diving into the water, with His hand Lord Nityānanda grabbed Lord Gaura and quickly lifted Him to the Gaṅgā's bank.

76. Seeing this everyone became filled with joy.
Relieved, everyone wept.

77-78. Embracing Lord Viśvambhara, Śacī-devī wept. Gazing at Lord Gaura's face, with anxious hearts Śrīvāsa, Murāri, Mukunda, Śuklāmbara, Haridāsa, and the other devotees all wept.

79. Gazing at Lord Gaura's face, they became free of all grief. Then they happily returned to their homes.

80. Accompanied by His associates, Lord Viśvambhara hurried to Murārī Gupta's house.

81. Staying there for a moment, Lord Gaura proceeded to Vijaya Miśra's house.

82. There Lord Gaura passed the night. At dawn He walked on the Gaṅgā's northern bank.

83. There He wandered. No one knew what was in His heart. Frightened, the devotees followed Him.

84. From among the devotees a saintly brāhmaṇa

humblly said:

85. "O Lord Gaura, O ocean of virtues and glories, please be kind. In this age everyone is an offender.
86. "O Lord Mahāprabhu. Please be merciful. Please abandon Your anger. Please forgive Your servant's offense.
87. "O Lord, O ocean of mercy, O mercy personified, it was to give Your mercy to the people that You mercifully descended to this world.
88. "Please don't turn Your face from us. How can we understand all the thoughts within Your heart?
89. "Please return home. Please abandon Your anger. Please look again at Your followers. Please give Your mercy to them."
90. Hearing these humble words from one of His followers, Lord Gaura felt His heart melt with mercy.
91. With a joyful heart Lord Gaura returned home. Accompanied by His followers, Lord Gaura sang the glories of the Supreme Lord, who is actually Himself.
92. In this way the villages of Nadīyā became filled

with bliss. Locana dāsa joyfully sings this song glorifying Lord Gaura.

Song 18 (Varādī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: O! O! O! To chase away all calamities Lord Gaura filled the world with the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love.

93. Renouncing all grief, and accompanied by His followers, with a happy heart Lord Gaura-Harī went to Śrīvāsa's home.

94. Lord Gaura sat down with Śrīvāsa, Haridāsa, and the other devotees. They all gazed at Lord Gaura's face.

95. At that time Lord Mahāprabhu spoke to everyone there these confidential words: "Everyone please hear.

96. "Wealth, youth, and followers are all worthless for a person who does not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa's

eternal feet.

97. "As I stay in this world of birth and death My heart is scorched by flames of suffering. Although I have attained a valuable body like this one, I never served Lord Kṛṣṇa.

98. "In this world of birth and death a human body is very rare and difficult to attain. Why should a man or a woman worship Lord Kṛṣṇa?

99. "A person who does not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa wastes his valuable human body. His comfortable home is in vain. His activities as a husband, son, father, or mother all all vain.

100. "Someone has secretly told everyone that I will leave My family. I will go far away."

101. "I must stop this rumor. "What I have heard will make me die.

102. "Please hear, O Lord Mahāprabhu. No one speaks this rumor. I have not heard it from any mouth."

103. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, held Murāri. He gave him the gift of an embrace.

104. Embraced by the Lord, the physician Murārī
was overcome. He forgot himself.

105. From head to foot the hairs of his body stood
erect. He quoted this ancient verse (Śrīmad-
Bhāgavatam 10.81.16):

106. {.fn 2}kvāham daridraḥ pāpīyān
kva kṛṣṇaḥ śrī-niketanaḥ
brahma-bandhur itī smāham
bāhubhyām parirambhitah

"He said, 'Who am I? The sinful poor friend of a
brāhmaṇa. And who is Kṛṣṇa? The Supreme
Personality of Godhead full in siú opulences.
Nonetheless He has embraced me with His two
arms. "*

107. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura manifested a
form effulgent like ten million suns.

108. Sitting on an āsana, Lord Gaura sweetly said:
"I am spiritual, eternal, and full of bliss. Don't think

I am ever far from you."

109. Hearing these words, everyone was overcome with bliss. The hairs of their bodies stood erect.

110. Then saintly Śrīvāsa Pañdita performed an abhiṣeka ceremony, bathing Lord Gaura with Gaṅgā water.

111. After the abhiṣeka he rightly worshiped Lord Gaura. Lord Gaura, who is a treasure-house of all virtues, was pleased by His worship.

112. Everyone blissfully sang Lord Hari's glories. Glancing at the devotees faces, Lord Gaura Rāya danced.

113. Placing Narahari's lotus feet on his head, Locana dāsa describes these sweet pastimes of Lord Gaurāṅga.

Song 19

114. Everyone please carefully listen as I tell the wonderful story of another's day's pastimes.

115. Lord Gaura, who is an ocean of mercy, a klap-avrksa tree of loving devotional service, and the śikṣā-guru (teacher) of all the worlds, taught everyone in the world.

116-119. He acted in such a way as to teach His followers. Taking with Him Advaita Acārya, Śrīvāsa, Haridāsa, Murāri, Mukunda, Gadādhara, Śuklāmbara, Rāma, Narahari, Raghunandana, Śrī Mukunda dāsa, Vasu Ghoṣa, Jagadānanda, and all the devotees, with a joyful heart Lord Gaura went to the temple of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

120. Wearing a kaupīna and carrying a broom and dustpan on His shoulder, Lord Gaura was surrounded by His associates.

121. Each of the Lord's followers was dressed in this way. Each had his hair tied. Each held a broom and dustpan in his hands or resting on his shoulders.

122. In this way Lord Gaura went to clean the temple. Never have I heard of sauch wonderful pastimes.

123. Having become sweepers for Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Vaiṣṇavas went from door to door gathering

recruits. In this way the Vaiṣṇavas assembled and cleaned the temple.

124. By His example Lord Gaura thus taught the people of the world. Everyone please worship Him.

He is supremely wise.

125. He is the giver of pure love and devotion. No one is like Him. Aware of these truths, please worship Lord Gaurāṅga's feet.

126. How many avatāras descend to this world yuga after yuga? They are all manifest from Lord Gaura.

127. No one is like Him. He is the Supreme Lord, the supreme master. To teach the world how to engage in devotional service, He carried a broom and dustpan on His shoulder.

128. He rarely descends to this world. He does not come in every catur-yuga. Still, He went from house to house and begged the people to engage in devotional service.

129. He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the supreme master. This I say to the devotees: No one is His equal.

130. Without considering who is worthy and who

not worthy to receive it, to everyone Lord Gaura happily gave the great treasure of Vṛndāvana.

131. Lord Gaura begged everyone to accept the feelings of pure spiritual love, love that is beyond the pious and impious deeds of this world. In this way Śacī's son delivered everyone.

132. Neither Brahmā, Śiva, Lakṣmī, nor Ananta Śeṣa have the power to describe all of Lord Gaura's glories.

133. With their words they have no power to describe all of Lord Gaura's glories, for Lord Gaura's glories are beyond the conception of the material mind.

134. O my brothers, please worship Lord Gaura's glories. Please do not neglect them. Simply by worshiping Lord Gaura everyone will escape this world of repeated birth and death.

135. Lord Gaura is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. There is no one like Him. I, Locana dāsa, declare: All the avatāras are manifest from Lord Gaura.

Kuṣṭha-vyādhira pāpa-mocana o Baladevāveśa

The Lord Frees a Leper From Sin and Manifests the
Ecstasies of Lord Balarāma

Song 20

Refrain: Hari! Rāma! Nārāyaṇa! Śacī's son splendid
like gold!

1. Please hear another wonderful pastime of Lord Gaurāṅga. Anyone who hears this pastime will attain great spiritual love.
2. Walking on the path with His associates, Lord Gaura tasted the nectar of talking about Lord Kṛṣṇa. His limbs trembled in ecstasy.
3. On that path a leper came and humbly placed some words before Lord Gaura's feet:
4. Falling to the ground, he offered respectful obeisances. Very agitated and distressed, he humbly

said:

5-6. "Lord, everyone says You are Lord Janārdana,
You are eternal, You are the Supreme Personality of
Godhead, You are the master of the great demigods,
the friend of everyone in the three worlds. O
master, O ocean of mercy, please deliver me.

7. "Hearing that You are the purifier of the fallen, I
have come to You. O master of all, please deliver
me.

8. "O son of Śacī, O master of the poor and helpless,
O Lord Gaurāṅga, O Lord Gopāla, please deliver
me.

9. "In the three worlds no one is more sinful than
me. Please deliver me from this unbearable leprosy."

10. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura became angry
at heart. With angry eyes He stared at the leper.

11. The Lord said: "Listen, O wicked sinner
wretched like a pile of ashes. Why did you
blaspheme a Vaiṣṇava?

12. "Every living entity in this world of birth and
death is My friend. But anyone who hates a
Vaiṣṇava is My enemy.

13. "When someone insults Me I am not unhappy. But when someone insults Śrīvāsa Pandita, how can I remain peaceful and happy?

14. "You spoke insulting words to him. Even after a hundred births you will not be free of your offense.

15. "I will not deliver anyone who has offended a Vaiṣṇava.

16. "Now you may see only the outside of my body. But inside My heart the Vaiṣṇavas are My life breath. Of this there is no doubt.

17. "If someone hates Me but serves the Vaiṣṇavas, then I will deliver him. I will kill all his sufferings.

18. "But if some fool attacks a Vaiṣṇava, then I will throw that fool into hell. I will not give him shelter.

19. "You are a wretched, wicked sinner. How long will you suffer in hell? Your sufferings will never end."

20. Hearing these words, the leper fell to the ground and wept. He wept with anguish. He could not restrain himself.

21. The leper said: "In other avatāras You are merciful to your devotees. But in Kalī-yuga in house

after house everyone is a wretch and a sinner.

22. "If You kill anyone who does not worship You, then why should You be known as Patita-pāvana (the purifier of the fallen)?

23. "Glory to You, O Lord who bear the name Viśvambhara and who give auspiciousness to everyone! Glory to You, O mighty-armed Lord who establish the true religion!

24. "You build the bridge of the true religion. By walking on that bridge the people cross the ocean of repeated birth and death. Lord, O son of Śacī, please do not reject me.

25. "If there is any mercy in Your heart, then please be merciful to me. Still, I know You are not independent. You are a servant of the Vaiṣṇavas."

26. After hearing these words, Lord Gaura went o Śrīvāsa's house. Sitting down, He told everything.
He said:

27. "On the path I saw a leper. For many births he will suffer the results of his offense.

28. "Because he offended you, his whole body is melting with leprosy. I saw him, but I did not deliver

him.

29. {sy 168ý 'Please deliver me!', the leper called.
'How can I deliver you? You are an offender.', I told
him.

30. "Of course, if you wish to give mercy to him,
then by your mercy you can deliver that sinner."

31. Hearing Lord Gaura's description of His
activities, Śrīvāsa smiled and said:

32. "You speak of me in this way, but actually I am
very low and fallen. On my wish, please deliver that
sinner.

33. "Please end any offense he has committed to me.
Please be merciful to him and end his sufferings."

34. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura said: "Hari!"
Becoming merciful, Lord Gaura delivered that
person from the disease of leprosy.

35. At that moment, on the Gaṅgā's bank, that leper
attained the supreme medicine, the medicine of
Śrīvāsa's mercy.

36. At that moment he attained a splendid spiritual
body. Overcome with ecstatic love, and shouting
"Gaurāṅga!", he ran about.

37. He said: "Where is Lord Gauracandra, the moon of my heart? He delivered me from the great blindness, from the disease of material life."

38. At that moment Lord Gauracandra left Śrīvāsa's house to find the leper and deliver him from his leprosy.

39. The Lord met the leper on the path. The leper fell to the ground before the Lord's feet.

40. Picking him up and embracing him, Lord Gaura gave that soul the gift of rare ecstatic spiritual love, love even the demigod Brahmā finds difficult to attain.

41. That soul laughed, wept, danced, sang, and rolled on the ground. Calling out: "Kṛṣṇa, the holder of the club, is my friend!", he danced.

42. Seeing this, all the devotees became joyful. Seeing this, all of Nadiyā was filled with wonder.

43. Everyone please hear of Lord Viśvambhara's pastimes. Anyone who hears of them quickly attains loving devotional service (prema-bhakti).

44. Overcome with bliss, Locana dāsa hears Lord Gaura's wonderful pastimes in Nadiyā.

45. On another day, as Lord Gaura enjoyed pastimes of dancing, a brāhmaṇa came to His door.

46. The brāhmaṇa who came then yearned to see Lord Gauracandra dance.

47. That brāhmaṇa waited at the door, but he could not enter. Unable to see the Lord, he became unhappy.

48. Unhappy, the brāhmaṇa returned to his home. Meanwhile Lord Gaura joyfully danced. He did not know what had happened.

49. The next day that brāhmaṇa unexpectedly met Lord Gaura as the Lord was bathing in the Gaṅgā.

50. As Lord Gaura was bathing in the Gaṅgā, the brāhmaṇa, his body trembling, with angry eyes stared at the Lord.

51. Staring at the Lord, he angrily said: "I went to Your house. I wanted to see You.

52. "I wanted to see You dance, but a most sinful brāhmaṇa forbade me.

53. "As I, not allowed to enter, had to stay outside the door, so will You also have to stay outside the

world of household life."

54. Speaking these words, that brāhmaṇa angrily broke his sacred thread. He was wild with anger. He was not peaceful.

55. "I cannot bear to be left outside the door. I give You this curse: You will stay outside the door of household life."

56. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura became happy at heart. He said: "This curse is a great boon for Me."

57. In this way the Supreme Personality of Godhead accepted the curse. Hearing this, the brāhmaṇa became afraid at heart.

58. He said: "What did I just do? O Lord, You made me speak those words. You are all-pervading. You are the Supersoul present in every heart.

59. "You will deliver the false philosophers. Accepting sannyāsa, You will give them all the gift of ecstatic spiritual love.

60. "People will call You `sannyāsī' and `guru'. They will humbly bow before You. Then You will give them the gift of ecstatic spiritual love.

61. "O Lord Gaura-Hari, O crest-jewel of the

philosophers, You will break open the treasure-house of ecstatic spiritual love and You will freely distribute its contents.

62. "You have vowed to plunge the whole universe in ecstatic spiritual love. What pious or sinful person will You not deliver?

63. "Only I will be cheated of that love. Only I will remain unwounded by that arrow of ecstatic spiritual love. O purifier of the fallen, what will become of me?"

64. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura said: "Your words were not a curse. They were a blessing for Me. You have fulfilled My desire. You need not fear."

65. Hearing this, the brāhmaṇa fell down before the Lord's feet. Picking him up, Lord Gaura embraced him.

66. Embraced by the Lord, the brāhmaṇa was overcome with ecstatic spiritual love. He trembled with ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa.

67. Lord Gaura fulfilled the desire in that brāhmaṇa's heart. Lord Gaura gave him a gift of ecstatic spiritual love even the demigod Brahmā

finds difficult to attain.

68. In this way Lord Gaurasundara enjoyed wonderful pastimes, pastimes the wicked-hearted have no power to understand.

69. When He spoke these wordds, Lord Mahāprabhu became very joyful at heart. Locana dāsa thus happily sings the glories of Lord Gaura.

Mahāprabhur Vividhāveśe Prema-vitarāṇa

Lord Mahāprabhu's Manifestation of Various Divine Forms and His Dīstribution Then of Ecstatic Spiritual Love

Song 21 (Vibhāsa rāga-Disā)

Refrain: Glory, glory to the moon of Lord Gaurāṅga, a moon that in Kali-yuga has risen in the land of Nadīyā.

Please hear this story of Lord Gaura's pastimes. The three worlds are filled with the glories of Lord Gaura. Please hear this story of Lord Gaurāṅgacandra's pastimes.

1. Now I will tell another story. Please hear this very wonderful story of the Lord's very wonderful, eternally-new pastimes in Nadīyā.
2. With a happy heart Lord Gaura sat in His own home. Surrounding Him on four sides were His associates.
3. Suddenly a sound came from the sky. "Give Me honey.", declared a voice like a thundering raincloud.
4. At that moment Lord Gaura manifested the form of Lord Balarāma. His form was like a white mountain-peak. His garments were blue.
5. His feet were graceful. His eyes were like lotus flowers. Gazing at His wonderful form, everyone was delighted at heart.
6. The Supreme Lord who gives to everyone the gift of ecstatic spiritual love, then Himself enjoyed

many pastimes of ecstatic love. Filled with ecstatic love, the glorious Lord danced.

7. Accompanied by His personal associates, Lord Gaura sang the holy names of Lord Hari. In this way He went to the home of Advaita and Murāri.

8. Stuttering, "Give, give Me honey-wine", Lord Gaura loudly, loudly laughed.

9. He had become like the king of small boys. Holding out His hands, He said: "Give Me honey-wine. Give."

10. In His hands the devotees placed a cup filled with water. Thinking it honey-wine, Lord Gaura raised the cup, drank it, and then hiccuped.

11. Intoxicated with ecstatic love, Lord Gaura trembled and danced. Again He drank and hiccuped.

12. One moment He fell down. The next moment He stood up. Then next moment He wept and laughed. The next moment He placed the sweet liquid to His lips. The next moment He loudly, loudly laughed.

13. Seeing this, all the devotees offered prayers.

Calling out "Haladhara!", someone grasped Lord Gaura's feet.

14. Then, enjoying the pastimes of Lord Balarāma, Lord Gaura Mahāprabhu spoke peerless words sweet like nectar.

15. "I am not Śrī Kṛṣṇa", He cheerfully announced. Therefore you may bring Me more of this wonderful nectar honey-wine."

16. A certain brāhmaṇa was standing there. Saying, "You are a fool", with a finger the Lord pushed him.

17. Pushed by the Lord's finger, the brāhmaṇa fell far away. Pushed by the Lord, the brāhmaṇa felt ashamed.

18. From morning to evening Lord Gaura enjoyed pastimes as Lord Balarāma.

19. Decorating his head with the lotus flower of Narahari's feet, Locana dāsa sings this song glorifying Lord Gaura's glories.

20. Now please hear the wonderful pastimes of another day. Rapt in the ecstasy of Lord Balarāma, Lord Gaura danced.

21. Lord Gaura was suddenly rapt in ecstasy. As He remembered Lord Balarāma, His eyes became reddened.

22. He rolled on the ground. His hair became dishevelled. Saliva flowed from His mouth.

Everyone became distraught.

23. Seeing Gadādhara, Lord Gaura regained external consciousness. He spoke some garbled words. Gadādhara could guess what He meant.

24. Lord Gaura said: "I know you are My friend. You are dear as life to Me. O jewel of the brāhmaṇas, please hear. I am conquered by the love you bear from Me.

25. "I am your master, and you are My very life. That is why it is said that Gaurāṅga is Gadādhara's property (gadā-ir Gaurāṅga). Please listen carefully.

26. "What I feel is not beyond your understanding.

Your body is My internal potency.

27. "Night and day you stay with Me. You do not leave for even a single sesame seed's worth of time.

Except for you, who understands Me?

28. "Please bring all the Vaiṣṇavas who are My dear

friends. I want to see them."

29. Accepting the Lord's command, Gadādhara brought Advaita Acārya and all the devotees.

30. When the devotees came, Lord Gaura gazed at them. He was overcome with emotion. Tears filled His eyes.

31. Advaita Acārya sweetly asked: "Dear one, why have You called for Us?"

32. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura tried to speak, but He could not. His voice was choked with emotion.

33. Overcome, Lord Gaura spoke half words. He somehow said: "I saw Balarāma like a white mountain-peak. He embraced Me.

34. "He was adorned with golden ornaments. He was splendid like the sun. He glistened with the splendor of many ornaments."

35. Speaking and speaking in this way, in a vision Lord Gaura gazed at Lord Balarāma, whose form was like a white mountain-peak.

36. Then Mahāprabhu Lord Viśvambhara Rāya entered the ecstasy of being Lord Balarāma. Again

and again He sang and danced.

37. The Vaiṣṇavas were overcome with bliss.

Everyone trembled with love for Lord Balarāma.

38. On every side everyone was overcome with bliss.

Two days passed. Still Lord Gaura's ecstasy did not break.

39. On the next day Lord Gaura was still dancing.

On four sides He was surrounded by saintly devotees.

40. His footsteps made the earth tremble. His half-closed eyes were red like the rising sun. He spoke in half words.

41. Like an intoxicated elephant He walked slowly.

Finally He was so overcome with ecstatic love He no longer had any power to walk.

42. In this way Lord Gaura was overcome with ecstasy. His companions were also overcome.

Overcome with the ecstasy of being Lord Balarāma, Lord Gaura danced.

43. He sang and danced until sunset. Then the scent of vāruṇī wine suddenly filled the air.

44. The splendid divine fragrance of vāruṇī wine

scented the four directions. Filled with wonder, the devotees gazed at each other.

45. The ten directions were scented with the fragrance of vāruṇī wine. With that fragrance the devotees became intoxicated with the intoxication of ecstatic love.

46. At that time the great brāhmaṇa Śrīvāsa Pañdita saw a vision. Please hear what he saw.

47. Many splendid, divine, splendidly-dressed, jewel-like persons suddenly approached.

48. One had lotus eyes and a lotus on his ear.
Another had earrings and blue garments.

49. Another wore a turban and yellow garments. I have no power to describe their graceful forms, garments, and ornaments.

50. A brāhmaṇa named Vanamālī was there. I will speak of him. Please listen.

51. He saw a form made of gold, a form decorated with jewels, and glorious like the peak of Mount Sumeru.

52. Gazing at this form, he felt his heart become filled with bliss. The hairs of his body stood erect.

Filled with wonder, he looked at everyone there.

53. Rapt in the ecstasy of Lord Balarāma, Lord Gaura, the master of the three worlds, danced with His devotees.

54. With joyful hearts the demigods watched from the sky. Then, satisfied at heart, the demigods returned to their own abodes.

55. In this way the day and night passed. Then, smiling and smiling, Lord Gaura went to bathe in the Gaṅgā.

56. Gathering together, the Vaiṣṇavas also bathed in the Gaṅgā.

57. Laughing and joking, in the water Lord Gaura enjoyed wonderful nectar pastimes with His associates.

58. When His bathing ended, the Lord quickly rose from the water. Offering obeisances to the Lord, the devotees returned to their own homes.

59. Then Lord Gaura also happily returned to His own home. At dawn everyone again came before the Lord.

60. Please hear what Lord Gaura said. Speaking half

words in a voice choked with emotion, He said:

61. "Lord Varāha embraced Me. Then Lord
Balarāma entered My heart.

62. "The black añjana on My eyes is the flute-player
Kṛṣṇa." Lord Gaura spoke nectar words. Everyone
please listen.

63. Seeing Śrīvāsa, Lord Mahāprabhu said: "Give Me
My flute." Then He held out His graceful hand.

64. Then the very intelligent and saintly devotee
Śrīvāsa said to the Lord:

65. "Listen. Listen, O Lord Mahāprabhu. Rukmiṇī,
the daughter of Bhīṣmaka, now holds Your flute in
Your own house.

66. "Tonight when You close Your door You will
regain Your flute. This I tell to You."

67. Moment after moment Lord Gaura enjoyed
blissful pastimes in this way. His pastimes in Nadīyā
are very wonderful.

68. Anyone who understands the nectar of Lord
Kṛṣṇa will understand the heart of these
descriptions. The descriptions of Lord Gaura's
pastimes in Nadīyā are the greatest treasure.

69. To everyone who does not know of Lord Gaura I humbly say: Please do not turn away from Lord Gaura. Give all your heart to hearing of Lord Gaura's glories.

70. O my brother, please give your heart to hearing of Lord Gaura. What else is there to do in this world? By hearing of Lord Gaura in this way you will soon hold Lord Kṛṣṇa, the master of the three worlds, in your hand.

71. They who do not worship the Lord will not, not, not attain deliverance. Locana dāsa says this again and again.

72. On another day Lord Gaura, sitting on a divine seat, said to the devotees:

73. "All the scriptures declare the glories of My saṅkīrtana-yajña (chanting the glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa).

74. "Saṅkīrtana is the best of all spiritual activities. Please know that especially in the Kalī-yuga it is the best activity.

75-76. "This truth is revealed in the fifth Veda (the

Mahābhārata), where it is said that with his five mouths Lord Śiva sings Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories without stop, Nārada, playing his vīṇā and dancing, also sings them, and the great sages headed by Śukadeva and Sanaka-kumāra also sing them.

77. "The Vedas describe Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa in Vṛndāvana. Filled with ecstatic love, Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa dance with the gopīs.

78. "Eternally Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa saty in the spiritual world of Vṛndāvana. Filled with great ecstatic spiritual love, Lord Śiva chants Their glories.

79. "Although he always sings of Them, Lord Śiva can never come to the end of Śrī Śrī Rādhā'-Kṛṣṇa's glories. These truths the Vedas reveal in Kalī-yuga.

80. "Anyone who chants Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories attains spiritual enlightenment. Appearing in the form of that glorification, the Vedas bestow their mercy on that person.

81. "The living entities ears are sacrificial openings. The tongue is a sacrificial ladle. The sound of Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories is charming sacrificial ghee.

82. "When the ladle of the tongue pours that ghee into the openings of the ears, the ghee enters the heart. In the heart the ghee adds fuel to the fire of ecstatic love. It makes that fire burn with great flames. The flames of that fire make the body tremble. They make the body's hairs stand erect.

83. "Freed from sin in this way, the living entities dance. Sālokya and the other kinds of liberation follow behind them.

84. "However, the living entities will not cast even a sidelong glance at liberation. Instead, tasting the sweet nectar of Lord Kṛṣṇa's glories, they joyfully dance.

85. "The Vaiṣṇava ācāryas all perform this yajñā. Please know that saṅkīrtana-yajñā is the best of all yajñas.

86. "In this way the great treasure of ecstatic spiritual love takes birth in the heart. Lord Nityānanda is the master of that treasure.

87. "Gadādhara Paṇḍita is the goddess that controls that ecstatic spiritual love. O jewellike devotees, please understand these truths.

88. "Advaita Acārya Gosāī brought Me here.
Therefore it is He who firmly establish the
saṅkīrtana-yajñā.

89. "Śrīvāsa, Narahari, and the other devotees also
helped establish the saṅkīrtana-yajñā.

90. "In Kalī-yuga please take this saṅkīrtana-yajñā
from house to house. In this way please deliver all
the fallen people."

91. Hearing these words, the devotees wept and
wept. Falling down before the Lord's feet, again and
again the devotees offered respectful obeisances.

92. Each one of them Lord Gaura, the Supreme
Personality of Godhead, picked up and embraced.
Filled with bliss by hearing of these pastimes,
Locana dāsa sings this song.

Song 22 (Varāḍi rāga-Dhūlā Khelā-jāta)

93. Please hear another wonderful song describing
Lord Gaura's glories, a song beyond anything the

people or even the demigods know. Lord Gaura, who is decked with the jewels of all virtues, who is filled with ecstatic love, and who is mercy personified, preached the glories of bhaktī-yoga (devotional service).

94. Please listen with all your heart, and I will tell another story. Accompanied by His associates, Lord Viśvambhara, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, went to Candraśekhara's house.

95. With a voice choked with emotion, Lord Gaura glorified the gopīs. Tears flowed from His reddened eyes. He manifested the ecstasies of the transcendental rasas.

96. The Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is the gopīs master, and whose feet Goddess Laksmī is wildly eager to serve, became filled with feelings of devotion. Simply by describing devotional service, Lord Gaura became rapt in ecstasy.

97. Manifesting the features of a gopī, and now overcome with bliss, Lord Viśvambhara, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, danced in Śrī Candraśekhara's house. Then Śrīvāsa manifested

the features of Nārada Muni.

98. Bowing down before Lord Gaura's feet, Śrīvāsa humbly said: "Please think of me as Your servant." After speaking these words, the great sage Nārada said to Gadādhara Pañdita:

99. "Please listen to what I say. You are a gopī. Please understand who You were before. I describe great wonders. You are a very exalted a rare person in this world. Please carefully hear my description of You.

100. "Everyone please hear my description. Life after life You are born in Gokula. Rejecting Your vow of faithfulness to Your husband, You always serve Lord Kṛṣṇa. In this way You stay in Vṛndāvana.

101. "You are Lord Kṛṣṇa's most important potency. You are Kṛṣṇa's potency Rādhā. What do I know that I can describe You?

102. "You are the crest jewel of the beautiful gopīs. You deeply love Lord Kṛṣṇa. How can I describe the truth about You?

103-104. "No one understands the great devotion You feel for Lord Kṛṣṇa. That devotion is the

greatest secret in the three worlds. Brahmā, Śiva, Lakṣmī, Ananta, Prahlāda, Nārada, Sanat-kumāra, and all the sages and demigods do not understand even a small fragment of the devotion You feel for Lord Kṛṣṇa. The Supreme Personality of Godhead, the master of all the glory and opulence in the world, desires to feel the love that You feel. Therefore He has now placed Your fair complexion on His own limbs.

105. "The Supreme Personality of Godhead, whose maidservant is Goddess Lakṣmī, yearns to feel the spiritual love You feel. He now holds that love in His heart. The master of all the worlds is now overcome by those feelings of love, the glorious love that You feel.

106. "You know the glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa's heart. With Your love You bind Him. Uddhava, Akrūra, and the other great devotees serve Your feet. In Your heart please do not stop being merciful to us."

107. In this way Śrīvāsa, the jewel of the brāhmaṇas, spoke. Hearing his words, the devotees became blissful. The Vaiṣṇavas embraced each other. They

gazed at Lord Viśvambhara's feet.

108. Overcome with bliss and love, they danced. At that time Hariḍasa arrived. He held a stick in his hand. He respectfully stood before the Lord. Then he very joyfully sang the Lord's glories.

109. "O my brothers, at every moment please sing the glories of Lord Harī (harī-guṇa-saṅkīrtana).", he said. Then he loudly, loudly laughed. As he sang Lord Hari's glories, flooding rivers of tears flowed from his two eyes. He joyfully looked in the four directions.

110. Hearing Haridāsa's words, all the jewellike Vaiṣnavas responded by making a great rain-shower of nectar. They joyfully sang and danced. In the center danced Lord Gaura Rāya. Weeping, the devotees grasped the Lord's reddish feet.

111. Then the devotee whho is the king of all the Vaiṣṇavas, the devotee who is an abode of all transcendental virtues, the devotee who bears the name Advaita Acārya, arrived. His handsome glory had never before been seen on the earth. He stood before Lord Gaura. He was very powerful. He was

born as a plenary expansion of the Lord.

112. Calling out "Hari! Hari!", Lord Advaita danced with bliss and love. From head to foot the hairs of His body stood erect. Tears flowed from His two eyes. He filled everyone with wonder.

113. He gazed at Lord Viśvambhara's graceful feet. He roared. He slapped His arms. The kīrtana had become like a great marketplace, a wonderful marketplace of ecstatic spiritual love.

114. All the Vaiṣṇavas found their hearts filled with bliss. They were plunged in an ocean of ecstatic spiritual love. Surrounded by the Vaiṣṇavas, Lord Gaura-Harī placed spiritual bliss within the world of birth and death.

115. Then Lord Gaura said: "Listen. Everyone be attentive." Then Lord Gaura was suddenly transformed into a gopī. On His breast was a bodice. On His wrists were conchshell bracelets. His two eyes were plunged in nectar.

116. His garments were silk. Anklets adorned His feet. His waist was slender like a fist. His beauty enchanted the three worlds. What metaphor can I

speak to describe His form? In this way Lord Gaura manifested the form of a gopī.

117. The splendor of His limbs was beyond anything of this world. The breeze from them was like the fragrant breezes from the Malaya Hills. He was adorned with a garland of new jasmine flowers. He was like the peak of Mount Sumeru. It was as if two flooding celestial Gaṅgā rivers flowed over Lord Gaura's limbs.

118. Tasting the nectar of the rasas, Lord Gaura, the king of dancers, danced in the midst of the Vaiṣṇavas. Then Lord Gaura thought of Goddess Lakṣmī. Filled with ecstasy, He entered the Deity room of the temple.

119. In the Deity room Lord Gaura manifested the divine four-armed form of Goddess Lakṣmī. Seeing this, everyone respectfully stood like sticks. In this form the Lord walked with graceful half-steps. A veil covered His half-closed eyes.

120. Falling before the Lord's graceful feet, everyone offered prayers. Overcome with bliss, someone prayed: "Thīs boon I ask: Please give me pure love

and devotion."

121. Listening to everyone's prayers, the Lord thought of Goddess Durgā. Suddenly He manifested the form of Goddess Durgā. Everyone was filled with wonder. How many demigods suddenly came and recited how many prayers?

122. Sitting on a throne, and pleased with the prayers of the devotees and demigods, Goddess Durgā gently, gently smiled and said: "I have come to see your love and devotion.

123. "I have come to see you sing and dance. Please speak the desires in your hearts." Hearing these words, everyone prayed: "Please give us devotion to You."

124. When everyone had asked this boon, Goddess Durgā said: "Listen. Listen. Listen, everyone. I am powerful Goddess Durgā. I fulfill everyone's desire.."

125. Hearing these words, everyone offered obeisances, falling like sticks to ground. Then Goddess Durgā smiled, took Haridāsa by the hand, and placed him on her lap.

126. Placing him on her lap, the goddess rocked

Haridāsa to and fro as if he were a five-year old boy.

Seeing this wonder, everyone became joyful at heart. Even the birds and beasts became joyful.

127. Then someone said: "Please cast a merciful glance at Murāri. He is Your servant." Hearing these words, the Lord smiled with a smile sweeter than nectar.

128. Tears of love and mercy flowed from the Lord's eyes. The moon of His face was red with mercy. Overcome with bliss and love, Śacī-devī served the Lord's graceful feet.

129. In His heart thinking of them as His children, Lord Gaura as Goddess Durgā brought everyone there close to Him. Loving them like a mother, with eyes filled with tears of love He looked at everyone.

130. At that moment a brāhmaṇa suddenly arrived.

Loudly he called out to the Lord. Seeing the distressed person's sufferings, the Lord became wild with grief. Tears flowed from His eyes.

131. Again manifesting his form of Lord Gaura, the Lord mercifully gave ecstatic spiritual love to that person. Seeing that the Lord again manifested His

form of Lord Gaura, the devotees offered obeisances. Again and again they fell down like sticks.

132. In these nectar pastimes the night passed. At dawn everyone returned to his home. Accompanied by His associates, Lord Gaura, a stout staff in His hand, walked home.

133. At that moment merciful Lord Gaura, who is the master of all the worlds, humbly and mercifully removed all suffering from the earth.

134. Anyone who hears this wonderful truth will find that all material sufferings in his heart become destroyed. Such a person will never perish. Fie on the wretches who doubt these words!

135. How can a person who, accepting only logic, scripture, and direct perception as sources of knowledge, and not having directly seen any of these pastimes, and not willing to accept them on the basis of logic, and not having read of them in any scripture, does not accept that these pastimes are true, become delivered?

136. To give His mercy to others, Lord Gaura

descended to this world. No one is like Him. Let the people say what they say. I will say what I have directly seen, and what I know in my mind and my heart.

137. In this way I worry. This worry brings pain to my heart. My heart weeps. To whom will I tell this? Locana dāsa sings this song glorifying Lord Gaura.

Sannyāser Pūrvāvasthā

Before Accepting Sannyāsa

Song 23 (Varādi rāga)

Refrain: O! O! O! Lord Gauracandra is my very life!

1. Now I will tell the wonderful story of a pastime no one in the world has ever seen. No one in the world has ever seen or heard of such a pastime.

2. Anyone who has even a single sesame seed of

doubt should pay careful attention with all his heart. To benefit everyone Lord Gaura revealed the truth about Himself.

3. Singing and dancing, joyful Lord Gaura came to Candraśekhara's house.

4. Śrī Candraśekahara Bhāttācārya also became joyful. Please hear of the wonderful pastimes the Lord enjoyed in his home.

5. Lord Gaura came dancing. His effulgence was like millions and millions of rising moons.

6. More than nectar His effulgence was wonderful, glorious, and cooling. No one could look at it. It was as if lightning filled the four directions.

7. Gazing at the Lord, everyone felt their hearts become filled with bliss. Tears filled their eyes. The Lord's effulgence was blinding.

8. Gazing at this sight, the people of Nadiyā became filled with wonder.

9. Someone asked the Vaiṣṇavas: "What is the meaning of this? Please tell us."

10. The Vaiṣṇavas replied: "What do we know? Lord Viśvambhara, who is rich in the jewels of

transcendental virtues, has come dancing.

11. "That is all we know. We do not know anything more. His pastimes are beyond the knowledge of the world and the Vedas.

12. "He manifested an effulgent form for seven days without stop. Because of His effulgence we did not know if it was day or night.

13. "Śacī's son, who follows the religion of compassion, manifests blissful pastimes that are eternally new and fresh."

14. On another day, speaking from his heart, Śrīvāsa, the best of brāhmaṇas, asked this question of Lord Gaura:

15. "In Kalī-yuga the chanting of Lord Hari's holy names brings the perfect and complete fruit of all spiritual endeavors. What does the chanting of the holy names bring any lesser result in the other yugas?"

16. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura said: "Listen, O Śrīvāsa. Your question is good. I will give a clear answer.

17. "In Satya-yuga the perfect religion is meditation.

In Tretā-yuga the perfect religion is performance of yajñā.

18. "In Dvāpara-yuga it is said that the worship of Lord Kṛṣṇa's Deity form is the heart of religion. However, in Kalī-yuga no one has the power to perform these activities properly.

19. "The Supreme Lord is identical with His holy name. Therefore in Kali-yuga Lord Hari's holy name has all power.

20. "In the three other yugas the great devotees serve Lord Nārāyaṇa by properly performing meditaion, yajñā, or Deity worship.

21. "In Kalī-yuga every is very sinful and ill-behaved. Therefore the Lord feels extreme compassion for therm.

22. "Therefore the Lord has arranged that in Kalī-yuga all perfection may be obtained very easily. It is attained simply by chanting the Lord's holy names.

23. "In the other yugas one must strive with a great effort. But in Kalī-yuga one may very easily attain the Lord's mercy."

24. Placing Narahari's feet on his head, Locana dāsa

repeats Lord Gaurāṅga's sweet words.

25. The days happily passed in this way. Then Lord Gaura suddenly saw this thought in His heart:
26. "I cannot stay here. I cannot. I must go to see the land of Vṛndāvana.
27. "Where is My Yamuna? My Vṛndāvana? Where is My Bahulāvana? My Bhāṇḍīravana? My Govardhana?
28. "Where is My Rādhā? My Lalitā and the other gopīs? Where is My Nanda? My Yaśodā?
29. "Where are My Śrīdāmā and Sudāmā? Where are My white and dark surabhī cows?" Calling out in this way, Lord Gaura ran about, overcome with ecstatic love.
30. Holding a straw between His teeth and gazing in the four directions, He wept piteously.
31. "How can I continue to pass My time in this world of birth and death? Where must I go to find the feet of Nanda's son?"
32. Speaking these words, He broke the sacred thread resting on His neck. Separated from Lord

Kṛṣṇa, He was overcome with grief.

33. He called out, "Hari! Hari!" He sighed. The shed flooding rivers of tears. He did not say anything.

34. The hairs of His body stood erect. His body became red. Seeing all this, Murārī said:

35. "Listen. Listen, O Mahāprabhu, O Gaura, O Supreme Personality of Godhead. Nothing is impossible for You.

36. "You have the power to go or stay anywhere. But please do not go anywhere without first telling me.

37. "If You want to go to another county, You may go. You are independent. You may separate Yourself from the Vaiṣṇavas.

38. "You are independent. You can do whatever is in Your heart. But if You depart then all the people will again enter the world of birth and death.

39. "Lord, please do not do anything without considering the results. This I say to You."

40. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura became silent. Defeated by Murāri, He had no power to speak.

41. Then some more days passed happily. His eyes filled with tears, Lord Gaura gazed at the people of

Nadiyā.

42. Filling His mother's eyes and heart with a mother's love, Lord Gaura-Harī enjoyed many pastimes with Viṣṇupriyā.

43. He enjoyed many happy pastimes with His friends and kinsmen. He delighted everyone in Navadvīpa.

44. With the Vaiṣṇavas He enjoyed pastimes of chanting the holy names. Gazing at Him, the city's women hopelessly sighed.

45. His form is the most wonderful in the three worlds. His pastimes are the most blissful. He stands at the summit of all handsome grace.

46. His ornaments glistened. Reaching to His shoulders, His hair was decorated with jasmine flowers.

47. He was gracefully decorated with sandal tilaka. His red-bordered garments were the most graceful in the three worlds.

48. His associates and everyone else in the city gazed at Him.

49. In this way Lord Gaura was surrounded by His

devotees. Gently, gently smiling, Lord Gaura told everyone of dream. He said:

50. "Listen, everyone. At night I saw a dream. He who is the jewel of the brāhmaṇas suddenly came before Me.

51. "In My ear he spoke the sannyāsa mantra. Now that mantra is manifest in My heart.

52. "From the moment that mantra entered, My heart has been unable to keep its independence.

53. "How can I abandon the dear master of My life? If I abandon Hīm, what will I do?

54. "He is sublimely handsome. His luster defeats the sapphire. Smiling, He always stays in My heart."

55. Hearing these words, Murārī said: "You wrote that mantra's saṣṭhī-tatpuruṣa-samāsa."

56. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura said: "Your words do not pacify My heart.

57. "I try to become peaceful, but I only weep. Please don't speak words like those to Me. Instead hear My words.

58. "The sound of that mantra is very powerful. What can I do? I cannot resist it, as you suggest."

59. Hearing these words, everyone became sorrowful at heart. With an sorrowful heart Locana dāsa speaks these words.

60. After some days the great pure-hearted sannyāsī Śrī Keśava Bhāratī arrived.

61. Because in his previous births he had accumulated a mountain of pious deeds he was now a very powerful sannyāsī and a great devotee.
62. Lord Viśvambhara saw him when he arrived. Seeing Lord Viśvambhara, the sannyāsī became joyful.

63. Lord Viśvambhara respectfully stood and then bowed down before the sannyāsī's feet. As He gazed at the sannyāsī, tears of ecstatic spiritual love flowed from the Lord's eyes.

64. Seeing Lord Viśvambhara's body, the very intelligent king of the sannyāsī's understood a little of the Lord's nature.

65. Keśava Bhāratī Gosvāmī then said: "Are You Śukadeva? Are You Nārada?" These questions rest in my heart.

66. Hearing these words, Lord Viśvambhara wept.

Twice as many tears flowed from His eyes.

67-68. Very surprised, the sannyāsī again said: "Thinking of all this, my heart has come to the conclusion that You must be the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You are the life of all the worlds. Of this there is no doubt."

69. Hearing these words, Lord Viśvambhara continued to weep. He said: "After how many days will I find Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet?

70. "You love Kṛṣṇa very fervently. Therefore you see Kṛṣṇa everywhere.

71. "After how many days will I see Kṛṣṇa? I will wear garments like yours.

72. "To find Kṛṣṇa I will travel from country to country. Where should I go to find Kṛṣṇa, the master of My life?

73. Speaking these words to the sannyāsī, and then falling like a stick to offer obeisances to him, Lord Viśvambhara, taking the sannyāsī with Him, returned to His own home.

74. Seeing Śrīvāsa, the Lord said to him: "Please take

this sannyāsī to your home."

75. Hearing the Lord's words, Śrīvāsa took the sannyāsī and fed him very grandly.

76. After taking his meal, the sannyāsī passed that day at Śrīvāsa's house. At dawn of the next day the king of sannyāsīs departed.

77. That morning Śrīvāsa told the Lord of the sannyāsī's departure.

78. Hearing these words, the Lord became sorrowful at heart. Thinking of the sannyāsī, the Lord walked home.

79. Returning home, Lord Gaura-Harī thought and thought. He decided to accept sannyāsa.

80. From various hints understanding the Lord's decision, Mukunda tried to stop Him.

81. All the devotees came. Weeping, Mukunda placed these words before the devotees feet:

82. "Everyone please hear. Hear my words. Lord Viśvambhara will accept sannyāsa.

83. "For as long as He stays among us please fill your eyes with the sight of His form and fill your ears with the sound of the words from His mouth.

84. "The Lord will leave His home and go away. He will leave His mother and His servants."
85. Hearing these words, everyone became sorrowful at heart. In their hearts they tried to plan a way for the Lord to stay amongst them.
86. "The Lord is independent. We have no power to control Him." When these words were spoken, the frightened devotees fell down.
87. Falling to the ground, they wept. Covered with dust, they called out: "O master of our lives! O Lord Viśvambhara!
88. "O! O Lord Mahāprabhu, where will You go? The black snake of Kali-yuga will grab and devour us.
89. "O Lord, please protect us from the fearful snake of Kalī-yuga. Afraid of You, the snake of Kalī will not attack us in Your presence.
90. At that time Lord Viśvambhara arrived there. Seeing Śrīvāsa, the Lord said:
91. "Please hear. Hear, O dear brāhmaṇa Śrīvāsa. I will say something, if you are not afraid to hear My words.

92. "To find ecstatic spiritual love I will go to another country. That love I will bring back and give to you. Please hear, O best of the brāhmaṇas.

93-94. "As a man may climb on a boat, travel to a farway country, earn wealth, endure many difficulties, return home and with the wealth he brought maintains his kinsmen, in the same way I will gather ecstatic spiritual love and give it to you."

95. Hearing these words, Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita said: "Lord,

if we do not see You, how will we remain alive?

96. "A person can maintain his friends and kinsemn only as long as they remain alive in their bodies.

When they have left their bodies one can only offer śrāddha to them.

97. "Only if we remain alive can You give us the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love. If we cannot see You, we will certainly die."

98. Then Mukunda said: "Lord, my body is on fire. Though flames burn in my heart, my life breath cannot leave.

99. "I may be a fallen, wretched sinner. but You are a crooked-hearted cheater. I know the way You act.

100. "Not knowing Your true nature, fools like myself renounced the material world and took shelter of You.

101. "Renouncing religious rituals and duties we took shelter of Your feet. Why do You now renounce us?

102. "You are the purifier of the fallen. This all the scriptures declare. That is why we renounced all other duties and surrendered unto You.

103. "Now You will renounce us and go away. Lord, it is not right. This appeal I place before You.

104. "Not knowing how crooked is Your heart, we took shelter of You. In truth Your heart is very hard. It is like a thunderbolt.

105. "Outside You are like a fragrant nectar lotus flower, but inside You are like a thunderbolt. This truth my heart knows.

106. "I know Your heart is very hard. Your heart is like a pot of poison, poison with a little milk floating on its top.

107. "Your heart is like a wooden modaka candy anointed with camphor. No one knows that candy

can never be eaten.

108. "If You go to another country, how will we stay alive? You enjoy being cruel to us. That is why You act in this way.

109. "If we cannot see Your face for even a single sesame seed's worth of time, we will die. We will weep and weep." Then Murārī said:

110. "Please Listen. Listen, O Lord Gaura, O Viśvambhara. Fallen Murārī speaks. Please pay attention.

111. "With Your own finger You planted a wonderful tree. You watered it. Day and night it grew. It sprouted buds.

112. "Day after day You very carefully protected it. You built a fence around it. Its base You decorated with many jewels.

"Now, as it is about to give flowers and fruits You want to cut it down. Now we will all die. Our hearts will break into pieces.

114. "Day and night we know no one but You. When we dream we see the moon of Your face.

115. "We don't want anything in this world of birth

and death. We want only to feel the breeze coming from Your feet, feet so rare and difficult to find in this world.

116. "If You leave us and go to another country, the tiger of material life will grab and devour us."

117. When these words were spoken, the devotees assembled together and fell down before Lord Gaura's feet.

118. O friend of the fallen, O protector of the unprotected, O deliverer of the fallen, You are the master of all the worlds."

119. With a blade of straw between his teeth, one devotee spoke these words filled with emotion. Another devotee raised his arms and loudly called out.

120. Lord Gaura said: "You are all My servants. I tell you all: Please listen. Please have faith in Me."

121. As the Lord began to speak, His voice became choked with emotion. Tears flowed from the red lotus flowers of His eyes.

122. With an emotion-choked voice He spoke half words. Finally He could not speak. For a

moment He was silent.

123. "The fear of being separated from Me torments you. My body is also tormented, tormented by separation from Lord Kṛṣṇa.

124. "Thinking you will be happy by doing it, you try to please Me. How is that love?

125. "Separated from Lord Kṛṣṇa, My heart is on fire. My senses are burned to ashes. My whole body is aflame.

126. "Even My mother is like a blazing fire. All your words are laced with poison.

127. "Life without Kṛṣṇa is not life. A person who lives without Kṛṣṇa is worthless like a pile of ashes. He is like a bird or a beast.

128. "He is like a corpse, or like a dead leaf fallen from a vine or a tree.

129. "Without Kṛṣṇa religion and pious deeds are like a brāhmaṇa ignorant of the Vedas, or like a girl without a husband, or like a fish out of water.

130. "They are like an unemployed poverty-stricken man trying to build a house, or like trying to build a university amongst the illiterates.

131. "Without Kṛṣṇa, My life throbs with pain.

Whatever you say will never enter My ears.

132. "Wearing a yogī's garments, I will go from country to country to find the master of My life."

133. Speaking these words, Lord Gaura fell to the ground and wept. The brāhmaṇa-thread on His body He broke and threw away.

134. "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!", He called out in a voice filled with pain. In a piteous voice calling out, "Master of My life!", He wept.

Song 24 (Vibhāsa rāga-Tarjjābandha)

Refrain: O! O! O! O!

135. "Everyone please hear. This world of birth and death is very horrible. It is filled with danger and uncertainty. The dangerous sense objects are filled with poison, poison that makes My heart burst into flames.

136. "Whatever the senses command, everyone does. No one can turn away from material desires. The people think material pleasures are eternally new and fresh. Never will they give them up.

137. "Lust, greed, and illusion never spare the people. Illusion, pride, and anger rob the people's hearts. Not for a single sesame seed's worth of time will the people turn from these and become enlightened.

138. "The people are imprisoned in this external world. They wander in the world of illusions.

Thinking only of family and caste, they forget Kṛṣṇa. Wandering and wandering, and filled with material desires, they commit many sins.

139. "They gaze at the wonders of this world, wonders behind which hides Lord Kṛṣṇa. It is only with great effort that one attains a human birth, a birth where one can worship Lord Kṛṣṇa.

140. "It is only with great difficulty that one attains this rare human birth. In such a birth one should worship Lord Kṛṣṇa. A soul who attains a human body but turns away from Lord Kṛṣṇa perishes. He

falls into a world of illusions.

141. "Everyone please hear. I will describe what is in My heart. Please give this blessing to Me. Bless Me that I will attain love for Lord Kṛṣṇa, and that I will be freed from the sufferings of this world. This blessing I beg of you all.

142. "Please always sing songs of Lord Kṛṣṇa's pastimes. With your eyes gaze at His lotus face. Hold His feet in your hearts.

143. "What will I do? I cannot see Lord Kṛṣṇa. Separated from Kṛṣṇa, My heart has burst into flames. I am drowning in the ocean of repeated birth and death. My heart is tortured with sufferings.

144. "The devotees should tell others that Lord Kṛṣṇa is the true father, the true mother, the true God, the true teacher, the true friend. The devotees should speak about Lord Kṛṣṇa. They should worship Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet.

145. "You are all My friends. You are all great Vaiṣṇavas. Please do not stop Your hearts from giving mercy to Me. I will accept sannyāsa. For

everyone's benefit I will freely distribute ecstatic spiritual love.

146. After speaking these words, Lord Viśvambhara rolled on the ground. His hair became dishevelled.

His fair limbs became covered with dust.

147. "Hari! Hari!" He loudly called. Heavily He breathed through His nostrils. From head to foot the hairs of His body stood erect. His voice choked with emotion, He spoke in half words.

148. One moment He wept. One moment He was filled with grief. One moment His eyes were filled with wonder. One moment He joyfully lept into the air. One moment His body trembled. One moment He was overwhelmed by feelings of separation from Lord Kṛṣṇa.

149. One moment He called out, "Vṛndāvana!" One moment He called out, "Rādhā!" One moment He slapped His arms and called out, "Hari! Hari!" One moment He struck His hand to His chest.

150. Seeing all this, everyone became anxious at heart. What more can I say? Everyone was plunged in an ocean of sorrow.

151. Then Murārī said: "Please hear, O Lord Gaura-Hari. You are supremely independent in every way.

To teach the people of the world You kindly manifest these sorrows of separation from Lord Kṛṣṇa.

152. "Whatever You wish in Your heart You will certainly do. What more can I say? You know everything. Every soul's destiny is controlled by You.

153. "Individual souls like myself do not know what the future holds. We are like flies or ants. You are an ocean of mercy, the friend of all. Please do what You think is best."

154. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura smiled and embraced everyone. Manifesting ecstatic spiritual love, He addressed everyone. He spoke these words of enlightenment:

155. "Everyone please hear the words I speak. Please do not doubt them. Wherever I go, I will always stay with you. Please know that for certain."

156. Bidding farewell to all, Lord Gaura returned to His own home. In His heart He had already

accepted sannyāsa. This His mother did not know.

157. Śacī's heart throbbed. For her there was no peace. Locana dāsa says: How can anyone willingly leave the association of Lord Gaura, who is like an ocean of spiritual love?

Śacī-mātār Śoka

Mother Śacī's Grief

Song 25 (Ahirī rāga-Disā)

1. Mother Śacī heard the rumor that her son would accept sannyāsa.
2. It was as if the sky had fallen on her head. Her heart overcome, Śacī fell unconscious.
3. She became like a wild woman. She went everywhere in the four directions. Everyone she saw in Navadvīpa she asked about that rumor.
4. She became convinced. Her son would accept

sannyāsa. Approaching Lord Viśvambhara, she sighed and said:

5. "You are my son. You are the only eye in my body.
If I cannot see You, I will see only blinding darkness.
6. "From the mouths of the people I heard my dear son will accept sannyāsa. This news is like the sky falling and breaking my head.
7. "I am all alone. I have no husband. I have no one but You. Forgetting everyone, I gaze only on Your face.
8. "Your eyes are the lamps of my family. Everyone in Navadvīpa tells me: 'You are fortunate to have such a son.'
9. "Don't destroy my pride in my son. If You do not stay, my whole world will be burned to ashes.
10. "When they see my face, everyone thinks I am fortunate. If You go, when they see me everyone will turn his face away.
11. "You are my son. You are my great treasure in this world of birth and death. If I cannot see You, my whole world will become a jungle.

12. "If You leave me and go away, I will become unfortunate, filled with sorrows. I will drown in the Gaṅgā. I will kill myself.

13. "How will Your soft feet walk on many journeys? When You are hungry and thirsty from whom will You beg food?

14. "How will Your body soft like butter bear the burning sunshine? That though fills me with sorrow.

15. "O my son, my golden Nimāi. if You leave me, where will You go?

16. "While You are here I will drink poison and die. Then with my ears I will never hear that You have accepted sannyāsa.

17. "Dear son, first I will die, and then You may go to another country. I will enter a fire and die in its flames.

18. "You are merciful to every living entity. Only to me You are not merciful. Why did the creator Brahmā give me such a terrible fate? I do not know.

19. "Son, YOu are handsome, virtuous, and righteous. You are glorious in the three worlds. Your appearance charms all beautiful women. His hair is

graceful.

20. "Decorated with jasmine flowers, Your garceful hair falls upon Your shoulders. When I see Him, Your appearance cools the burning sufferings of my life.

21. "Surrounded by friends and a book in Your left hand, You walk on the path. When I see You in this way my heart becomes pleasantly cool.

22. "Dear son, will You leave all Your friends? You will not chant the holy names with Your friends?

23. "You will not gloriously dance? Seeing You, the whole world becomes enchanted.

24. "You are the life of Your dear friends. Your acceptance of sannyāsa will kill them all.

25. "I will die. Viṣṇupriyā will die. Their hearts broken, all the devotees will also die.

26-28. "Murāri, Mukunda Datta, Śrīvāsa, Advaita Acārya, Haridāsa, Gadādhara, Narahari, Śrī Raghunandana, Vāsudeva Ghoṣa, Vakreśvara, Śrī Rāma, and the other devotees will all die if they cannot see You. My dear son, please see all these truths and stop Your heart from thinking of

sannyāsa.

29. "You are a son without a father. Twice I arranged for Your marriage. I still have not seen any children.

30. "Sannyāsa is not for a young man. Stay as a householder and perform Your duties.

31. "Lust, anger, greed, and illusion are all powerful in youth. How will You be successful in sannyāsa?

32. "Controlling the heart is not easy in Kalī-yuga.

A restless heart destroys sannyāsa.

33. "A householder is not accountable for sinful thoughts. But in sannyāsa one's thoughts must be always pure."

34. Hearing Śacī-devī speak these words, Lord Gaura spoke these words of enlightenment to His mother:

Song 26 (the same rāga)

Refrain: Nectar words flow from the moon of Lord

Gaura's mouth. How can the creator Brahmā have remained peaceful after creating Lord Gaura's glorious form?

35. "Please listen and I will tell the wonderful story of Dhruva's mother and how Dhruva Mahārāja became a great Vaiṣṇava.

36. "It is said (Padyāvalī 8):

15. {.fn 2}vyādhasyācaraṇam dhruvasya ca vayo
vidyā gajendrasya kim
kubjāyāḥ kim u nāma rūpam adhikam kim tat
sudhāmno dhanam
vamśāḥ ko vidurasya yādava-pater ugrasya kim
pauruṣam
bhaktyā tuṣyatī kevalam na ca guṇair bhakti-priyo
mādhavāḥ

{.sy 168} `Where was the hunter Dharma's piety, Dhruva's maturity, and Gajendra's knowledge?

Where was Kubjā's beauty? Where was Sudāmā's wealth? Where was Vidura's noble birth? Where was Ugrasena's chivalrous strength? Lord Mādhava is pleased only by devotional service and not by material qualifications.'

37. "With a single heart please hear, O mother, the story of how Dhruva Mahārāja attained a very exalted abode.

38. "Svāyambhuva Manu was a mind-born son of the demigod Brahmā. He was powerful and effulgent Lord Brahmā himself.

39. "He had two sons: Priyavrata and Uttānapada. By Brahmā's mercy they both became great kings.

40. "King Uttānapāda married twice. Srucī and Sunītī were his two beautiful wives.

41. "From Surucī were born dseven sons headed by Uttama. From Sunītī was born only one son, named Dhruva.

42. "Uttama's mother was favored by Uttānapāda, but Dhruva's mother was not favored by him.

43. "Beautiful Surucī was the favored queen.

Dhruva's mother became her maidservant.

44. "Though she floated in an ocean of sorrows,
Sunītī never complained.

45. "Unhusked rice and unsalted vegetables were
the meals given to Dhruva's mother.

46. "By the time Dhruva was five years old, his
mother was suffering many troubles.

47. "One day King Uttānapāda enjoyed pastimes
with Surucī on a great throne.

48. "On that jewel throne the seven brothers headed
by Uttama also enjoyed many pastimes.

49. "Meanwhile, five-year-old Dhruva, playing
with other boys, had become covered with dust.

50. "Seeing his seven brothers on his father's lap,
Dhruva began to climb the jewel throne.

51. "Reaching the throne, he went to sit in his
father's lap when his stepmother threw him to the
ground.

52. "Falling to the ground, Dhruva wept. Controlled
by his wife, the king said nothing.

53. "Fallen to the ground, Dhruva wept, his pride
crushed. That he was the son of a mother not in

favor he did not know.

54. "Dhruva's stepmother said: 'You weep for no reason. Though you are a maidservant's son, you tried to sit on the jewel throne.'

55. {.sy 168ý 'Birth after birth your mother did not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa. Have you no shame? You tried to sit on the jewel throne.'

56. {.sy 168ý 'You are the son of an unfortunate mother. Your mother is not a devotee of Lord Viṣṇu. Why should you have the right to sit on a jewel throne?'

57. "These words Dhruva's seven brothers said to him. Weeping and weeping, Dhruva went to his mother.

58. {.sy 168ý 'My stepmother hit me. She threw me from the throne.'

59. {.sy 168ý 'She said: 'Your mother never worshiped Lord Kṛṣṇa. Are you not ashamed to try and sit on the jewel throne?'

60. {.sy 168ý 'She spoke very strange words. I did not know you were a maidservant.'

61. "Hearing these words, Dhruva's mother wept and

said: 'Dear son, I never worshiped Lord Kṛṣṇa. I am very unfortunate.

62. {sy 168ý `Birth after birth I never worshiped Lord Kṛṣṇa. I was never a servant of Lord Kṛṣṇa. I never served Him.

63. {sy 168ý `Don't cry. Don't cry, my son, if your stepmother calls you the son of an unfortunate woman, or the son of a maidservant, or insults you.'

64. "As Dhruva wept, his mother spoke to him the truth of spiritual life." In this way Locana dāsa joyfully sings the glories of Lord Gaura.

Song 27 (Sindudā rāga)

65. {sy 168ý `Dhruva, you took birth from the womb of an unfortunate woman. I never served Lord Kṛṣṇa. You are not loved by your father. When you are born from a woman who is not so unfortunate, then you may wish to sit on a throne.

66. {sy 168ý `Don't cry. Don't cry, Dhruva. I'll tell

you what I know. Listen. Listen to my words. In the past your stepmother worshiped Lord Kṛṣṇa. That is why she is fortunate.

67. {sy 168ý `Why would a person who worships Lord Kṛṣṇa even want to sit on a throne? If you want, you can sit on a throne. If you worship Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet you can easily attain the false fame and glory of this world.

68. {sy 168ý `Why were you forced to leave your father's lap? Why will everyone in thee world insult you? Because you are my son. From birth I am very unfortunate." Hearing Queen Sunīti's words, Dhruva floated in a flood of tears.

69. {sy 168ý `Dhruva, listen. Listen to my words. O lotus-eyed one, there is one way you may become free from your sufferings. Only one and no other way.

70. {sy 168ý `How many times did Brahmā and three demigods serve Lord Kṛṣṇa that they attained their exalted posts in Svargaloka? If you worship Lord Kṛṣṇa you can get a throne. You can be worshiped by everyone in the three worlds.'

71. "Hearing his mother's words, Dhruva thought and thought. 'How will I find Lord Kṛṣṇa? He asked.

His mother replied: 'In Madhuvana you can find Lord Kṛṣṇa. Somehow go there. This advice I give to you.

72. {sy 168ý 'Go there if you are a true son of Uttānapāda, if you wish to sit on his throne, if the name Dhruva that I gave to you will truly bring you good fortune, if you truly wish to sit on the throne.'

73. "Making the dust of his mother's feet the ornament of his heads, at an auspicious moment Dhruva departed for Madhuvana. He was rapt in meditation on Lord Kṛṣṇa. At that moment sounds of 'Jaya! Jaya!' resounded in Svargaloka."

Song 28 (Suhai rāga)

Refrain: Please tell me: Where shall I go to find
handsome dark Lord Kṛṣṇa?

74. Everyone please hear these wonderful words.

Lord Gaura said: "Please hear, O Mother Śacī.

75. "Bowing down, Dhruva placed on his head the dust of his mother's feet. Weeping and weeping, he consoled her.

76. "Then, his heart yearning to attain a exalted post by worshiping Lord Kṛṣṇa, the great saint Dhruva departed for Madhuvana.

77. "If, walking on the path, he was tormented by hunger, he would eat a sweet ripe fruit that he found accidentally.

78. "If he became thirsty, Dhruva would drink some sweet-smelling water that he found by the path.

79. "Watching him, the demigods were filled with wonder. Who was this person able to act in this way? They did not know anything about Dhruva.

80. "Approaching Dhruva on the path, Nārada Muni sweetly said:

81. {sy 168 `You are a king's son. At your age you should be playing games. Why are you so proud and angry for no reason?

82. {sy 168 `It is not right for you to go to the

forest. When you are old you can worship Lord Kṛṣṇa, the treasure-house of transcendental qualities.'

83. "Dhruva said to him: 'If I worship Lord Kṛṣṇa when I am old, I may still die in my youth. What will happen to me then?'

84. "Hearing these words, the great sage became happy. To Dhruva he gave the twelve-syllable mantra.

85. "Dhruva said: 'I suffered because in the past I did not worship Lord Kṛṣṇa. That is why the arrows of my stepmother's words wounded my heart.

86. {sy 168 `You are very kind and I am very unfortunate. Please teach me about Lord Kṛṣṇa.
Please cast my sufferings far away.

87. {sy 168 `By the power of serving Lord Kṛṣṇa I will attain an exalted post even my father or my grandfather cannot attain.'

88. "Then Nārada Muni said: 'Dhruva, go to the Yamunā's bank in Madhuvana. Sit down there very calmly. Stay always calm and determined.

89. {sy 168 `Always chant this bīja-mantra: 'Om

namo bhagavate vāsudevāya.'

90. {sy 168ý `Always chant japa of this mantra.

After seven days you will attain spiritual realization.'

91. "Attaining this instruction (*śikṣā*) and spiritual initiation (*dīkṣā*), Dhruva became happy. He offered respectful obeisances to Nārada Muni. Then he left for Vṛndāvana.

92. "After some days He arrived in Madhuvana. Seeing the kalpa-vṛksa trees there, he became free of all ignorance.

93. "In this way Uttānapāda's son arrived in Madhuvana." Locana dāsa thus happily sings this song glorifying Lord Gaura.

Song 29 (Sindhudā rāga)

Refrain: The great souls take shelter of Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet. They know that great sweetness stays at the Lord's reddish feet.

94. "Seeing Madhuvana, Dhruva became joyful. Observing the fast appropriate for arriving at a holy place, he passed the night.

95. "At dawn he bathed and chanted his mantra. He had neither hunger nor thirst. He floated in tears.

96. "Every five or seven days he ate one badarī fruit. On the other days he accepted only some water touched by tulasi.

97. "Then he would fast for thirty days. Dhruva broke his fast only once a month.

98. "Once he would raise his arms with cupped palms. Then he would chant japa of the twelve-syllable mantra.

99. "His feet up, he stayed under the Yamunā's waters. In the summer he sat with fires on four sides.

100. "In the winter he stayed in the Yamunā's waters. During the monsoon he bore much suffering.

101. "Dhruva meditated and meditated. He was in a trance of samādhi. In his meditation he saw Lord

Kṛṣṇa, whose form bends in three places.

102. "Indra and the demigods were surprised. How did Dhruva become qualified to perform such activities. They did not know.

103. "Brahmā said: 'In the end he will be qualified for my post. Then Dhruva will sit in Brahmā's post. I must do something to stop him.'

104. "Kuvera and Varuṇa said: 'He will attain our posts. Lord Kṛṣṇa will give our posts to him. This we know.'

105. "Indra said: 'Dhruva will attain my post. Lord Kṛṣṇa will kindly give it to him.'

106. "Indra said: 'Everyone else yearns after my post. Dhruva, though he does not yearn after it, will attain my post.'

107. "All the demigods said: 'We sit on exalted thrones. By his great austerities Dhruva will attain our posts.'

108. "Brahmā and the other demigods devised various strategies to break dhurva's great austerities.

109. "With single-pointed concentration Dhruva meditated on three-fold-bending Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Brahmā, Indra, and the other demigods came to test Dhruva's resolve.

110. "One demigod called aloud into Dhruva's ear: 'Dhruva, you will die. Did you come here to die?'

111. "Another demigod said: 'Dhruva, your father is dead. Another demigod said: 'Dhruva, a black snake approaches.'

112. "Another demigod said: 'Dhurva, your mother is dead. Another demigod said: 'Dhruva, quickly flee.'

113. "Another demigod said: 'Dhruva, a forest fire approaches. Another demigod said: 'Dhruva will die. He will die.'

114. "Indra's elephant tried to push its tusks into Drhuva's chest. Then the elephant wrapped its trunk around Dhruva's waist.

115. "Vāyu's snake tried to devour Dhruva. Sūrya's tiger tried to drink Dhruva's blood.

116. "With snake ropes the demigods bound Dhruva and threw him into a fire. Candra tried to drown Dhruva in the yamunā's waters.

117. "What can the bites of ten million snakes do to a person who keeps Lord Kṛṣṇa's name on his

tongue?

118. "How can a person who meditates on three-fold-bending Lord Kṛṣṇa become broken. In the end
Brahmā and the demigods fled.

119. "With single-pointed concentration Dhruva
meditated on Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet." Locana dāsa
joyfully sings his glories.

Song 30 (the same rāga)

Refrain: I take shelter of the reddish feet of the
cowherd boy Kṛṣṇa, who is kind to the poor and
fallen.

120. Your name is Patita-pāvana (the purifier of the
fallen). O savior of the fallen, glory, glory, glory to
You!

121. "Everyone please hear more of this wonderful
story. Nārada Muni spoke to Lord Kṛṣṇa.

122. "Sitting with Goddess Lakṣmī on a jewel

throne, the Lord listened to Nārada's vīṇā music.

123. "Gently smiling, Lord Kṛṣṇa said to Nārada:

‘Why does your heart not pay attention to your vīṇā music?’

124-125. "Nārada Muni replied: ‘Please hear, O lotus-eyed Lord. My heart does not pay attention to my vīṇā music because I am rapt in thinking of one of Your devotees. My mind thinks of how You are always the master of the poor and helpless.'

126. "Hearing Nārada's words, lotus-eyed Lord Kṛṣṇa said: ‘Who is this devotee, on whom you meditate? Please tell Me.'

127. "Nārada said: ‘He is Uttānapāda's very noble-hearted son. His saintly-hearted mother is not favored by her husband.

128. {sy 168ý ‘Dhruva's stepmother bears the name Suruci. One day she enjoyed many pastimes with her husband on his throne.

129. {sy 168ý ‘Her seven sons headed by Uttama also laughed and enjoyed pastimes on that jewel throne.

130. {sy 168ý ‘Seeing his brothers hugged by their father, Dhruva climbed up on that jewel throne.

131. {.sy 168ý `Climbing on the throne, Dhruva sat in his father's lap. Then Dhruva's stepmother threw Dhruva to the ground.

132. {.sy 168ý `Falling to the ground, Dhruva wept. Controlled by his wife, King Uttānapāda said nothing.

133. {.sy 168ý `Distraught by his stepmother's words, Dhruva went to Madhuvana and performed austerities on the Yamunā's banks.'

134. "Hearing Nārada's words, lotus-eyed Lord Kṛṣṇa gently smiled and sweetly said:

135. {.sy 168ý `I do not give mercy to persons who are not initiated. Neither do I take affense with the misdeeds of a person who is not initiated.

136. {.sy 168ý `Renouncing his father and mother, this boy performs austerities in Madhuvana. With a vow he meditates on Me.

137. {.sy 168ý `From a Vaiṣṇavī's womb a non-Vaiṣṇava is never born. Vaiṣṇavas and Vaiṣṇavīs are ready to tolerate all difficulties.

138. {.sy 168ý `I must make a Vaiṣṇava's vow successful. I will visit Dhruva. I will grant him a

boon.

139. {sy 168ý `The devotees bind Me with ropes of love and devotion. Bound by the devotees devotion, I have no power to escape. I have no power to escape from a devotee who meditates on Me.'

140. "Nārada Muni said: `It is not that Dhruva is uninitiated. Please vitī him and be merciful to him. At this moment it is as if he is burning in a forest fire.'

141. "Hearing these words from Nārada's mouth, lotus-eyed Lord Kṛṣṇa climbed on Garuḍa and flew to Madhuvana.

142. "Gently smiling, Lord Kṛṣṇa said to Dhruva: `For your sake I have come from Vaikuṇṭha. I have come to grant you a boon.'

143. "Hearing Lord Kṛṣṇa's words, Dhruva was filled with bliss. His meditation broken, with folded hands he stood before the Lord.

144. "Dhruva said: `O great Lord, what boon shall I ask? Please be kind to me that I will be able to chant Your glories.'

145. "Lord Kṛṣṇa said: `I must grant whatever you

wish. Please ask for an exalted post. I will give whatever post you wish.

146. {sy 168ý `Why did you come to Madhuvana? Please tell Me. Your stepmother did not allow you to sit on a throne.

147. {sy 168ý `If I do not give you an exalted post, then how can I bear the name Vāñcākalpataru (He who is like a tree that fulfills all desires)?

148. {sy 168ý `Exalted posts are like blades of straw. Your devotees do not desire them. They are like ashes.'

149. "Lord Kṛṣṇa said: 'I will give you the throne of every king. I will give you the highest post in the three worlds.

150. {sy 168ý `You are Uttānapāda's son. You will become king. All your subjects will chant My glories.

151. "Everyone will talk of Dhruva's realm, which will be above the worlds of all the sages.'

152. "Giving this boon, Lord Kṛṣṇa suddenly disappeared. Viśvakarmā built Dhruva's world of Dhruvaloka.

153. "Attaining this boon, Dhruva left Madhuvana."
Locana dāsa happily sings the glories of Lord Gaura.

Song 31 (the same rāga)

Refrain: He who is Lord Gaura and the cowherd boy
Kṛṣṇa is my very life.

154. "Hearing Lord Kṛṣṇa's words, Dhruva returned to his own country. Meanwhile King Uttānapāda's remorse had become very great.

155. "Even Dhruva's stepmother wept. She lamented: 'Where has Dhruva gone? I am very unfortunate. For my sons sake I pushed Dhruva from the throne.'

156. "King Uttānapāda said: 'Perhaps my son's death is already written by fate. How many days must pass before I see Dhruva again?'

157. "King Uttanapada said: 'O mother of Dhruva, now you are my most important queen. From this

day on all my other saintly queens are your
maidservants.'

158. "Unable to see his son, the king was overcome.
He fell to the ground unconscious.

159. "At that time seeing Nārada unexpectedly
arrive, the king, the heart filled with worry and
sorrow, respectfully stood to receive him.

160. "The king offered Nārada pādya, arghya, and a
sitting place. Revealing his heart, he said:

161. {sy 168ý `I have a five-year old son. Where did
he go? I do not know.'

162. "Nārada said: `Enduring many troubles, Dhruva
attained pure devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa. Now he will
return to his own place.

163. "It is said:

kulam pavitram jananī kṛtārthā
vasundharā sā vasatiś ca dhanyā
svarge sthitās tatra pitaro 'pī dhanyā
yasyāḥ suto vaisṇava-nāma loke

{.sy 168ý `A woman whose son is famous as a Vaiṣṇava in this world is glorious and successful. Her family is purified. Her home and country are glorious. Her ancestors in Svargaloka are glorious and fortunate.

164. {.fn 2}yasyāstī vaiṣṇava-putraḥ
putriṇī sa vidhīyate
avaiṣṇava-śata-putrā
jananī śūkarī-samā

{.sy 168ý `A woman whose son is a Vaiṣṇava is the mother of a glorious son. A woman who has a hundred sons that are not Vaiṣṇavas is like a mother of piglets.'

165. "Father, mother, in-laws, and all family members are delivered when one of their number becomes a Vaiṣṇava.

166. "Your son purely worshiped Lord Kṛṣṇa. Now

your son will return. Please know he is a tilaka mark
glorifying your dynasty.

167. "Hearing Nārada's words, the king became joyful, Now his desire was fulfilled. He had the royal road sprinkled with sandalwood perfume.

168. "Khadi, yogurt, maṅgala, dūrvā grass, kuṇkuma, and musk were sprinkled on the path. The path was splendid with flowers. It was decorated with rows of glistening lamps.

169. "The king ran to greet his lost son. After going some distance, he found Dhruva.

170. "Seeing Dhruva, the king said: 'Now my life breath has returned. He embraced his son. He kissed him millions of times.

171. "King Uttanapada brought Dhruva back to the royal assembly. Hand after hand offered gifts to him.

172. "Giving the kingdom to Dhruva, Uttānapāda retired to the forest. After some days every heart in the kingdom was filled with bliss.

173. "With power and valor he conquered many kingdoms one by one. Untroubled by any thornlike

rival, he ruled his empire for forty years.

174. "To the demigods and gandharvas he proved his power and valor. Then, accompanied by his mother,

Dhruva went to his own abode, Dhruvaloka."

175. Then Śacī said: "I will go with You. I will stay with You and we will enjoy pastimes of talking about Lord Kṛṣṇa.

176. "You, my golden son, will shave Your head. I will also shave my head.

177. "I will wear saffron robes. I will place an earring in my ear. I will become a yoginī and I will travel with You."

178. Hearing His mother's words, Lord Gaura became agitated. Worried, He spoke words to enlighten His mother.

179. Śacī's son, the crest-jewel of the all-knowing, then enlightened His mother. Thus says Locana dāsa.

Song 32 (Varāḍi rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: Please hear this song glorifying Lord Gaura, of Śacī's moonlike son, a song full of wonderful words, a song that brings auspiciousness to the ears.

180. Lord Kṛṣṇa said to Śacī: "Don't be agitated.

Please hear My words. Why make your heart become sorrowful with the falso activities of this world?

181. "Again and again I tell you: Still you do not listen. Please know that the greed, bewilderment, anger, and pride of this world are all illusions.

182. "Who are you? Who is your son? Who is the mother? Who is the son? Please know the words 'Yours and 'Mine are only illusions. Please renounce these illusions.

183. "Who is a woman? Who is a man? Who is a wife? Who is a husband? But for Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet there is no auspicious goal.

184. "Lord Kṛṣṇa is the father. He is the mother. He is the friend and kinsman. He is the creator. He is

the one who takes away. He is the only true wealth.

185. "Without Him everything is an illusion. I speak the truth. Without Him this whole world is an illusion.

186. "The people in this world are captives in the prison of Lord Viṣṇu's illusory potency Māyā. They are shackled by their own pride and false-ego.

187. "The people act selfishly. Later they are bound by the reactions of those acts.

188. "Bound by the ropes of karma, the souls wander in the material world. They do not know who in truth they are. Forgetting Kṛṣṇa, they are bewildered.

189. "In all the fourteen worlds a human birth is very rare and valuable. I tell you the heart of the truth.

190. "The sufferings in this world are like an ocean without a shore. In a single moment all may be destroyed. Everything in this world is temporary.

191. "A person who, aware that this human body is very rare and difficult to obtain, worships Lord Kṛṣṇa becomes free from Māyā.

192. "Simply by worshiping Lord Kṛṣṇa, that person attains everything. Free from māyā's shackles, he falls in love with Lord Kṛṣṇa.

193. "If you loved Lord Kṛṣṇa as much as you love Me, how much good fortune would you attain?

194. "By loving the things of this world one attains only death as one's reward. By loving Lord Kṛṣṇa one attains liberation from the world of birth and death.

195. "He is the true friend, the true mother, the true father, who gives to his associates the gift of love and devotion for Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet.

196. "My heart is tormented by separation from Lord Kṛṣṇa. I fall at your feet and beg:

197. "You loved Me deeply. By following your teachings I became pure at heart.

198. "You have always protected Me. Please worship Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet. Renounce the idea that I am your son.

199. "To attain love for Lord Kṛṣṇa I will accept sannyāsa. In country after country I will distribute the great treasure of love for Lord Kṛṣṇa.

200. "Other sons bring gold and silver. After enjoying them, one perishes. They are not the true goal of life.

201. "Though one gathers great wealth, in the end he must suffer. The wealth must go and he must die.

202. "The wealth I give is love for Lord Kṛṣṇa. Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet give the greatest wealth and good fortune to everyone.

203. "That wealth of love for Lord Kṛṣṇa is not destroyed in this world or in the next. Mother, these words I speak to you. In your heart please forgive Me.

204. "In every birth one gets a mother, father, and host of associates. It is not in every birth that one finds a spiritual master and Lord Kṛṣṇa. Please know this truth in your heart.

205. "In a human birth one may find a spiritual master and Lord Kṛṣṇa. A human being who has not accepted a spiritual master I consider like the birds and the beasts."

206. Hearing these words, Śacī was very surprised at heart. She gazed at the lotus flower of Lord

Viśvambhara's face.

207. Now the illusory Māyā controlled by the master of the fourteen worlds was flung far away. Now Śacī saw all spirit souls with equal vision.

208. "At that moment Śacī understood that her Viśvambhara was in truth Lord Kṛṣṇa. Though all illusion was thrown far away, she still spoke the words "my son".

209-210. Filled with wonder, she gazed at her son, who now manifested a dark form defeating a host of new monsoon clouds, a form bent in three places, holding a flute, glorious with yellow garments, and surrounded by hosts of cows, gopas, and gopīs in Vṛndāvana forest.

211. Gazing at her son, Śacī felt great wonder in her heart. The hairs of her body stood erect. She trembled.

212. She did not renounce the love she felt for her son. She thought herself very fortunate to have Lord Kṛṣṇa as her son.

213. "Lord Kṛṣṇa, who is very difficult to find in all the worlds, has become my son. I cannot bring Him

under my control. What power have I over Him?"

214. Thinking in this way, Śacī said: "You are the jewel of persons. You are the independent Supreme Personality of Godhead.

215. "Because I was very fortunate, for some days You stayed under my control. Now, by Your own wish, You will accept sannyāsa.

216. "One request I place before You: How can I lose the priceless treasure that You are?"

217. Speaking these words, Śacī wept in a piteous voice. Five or seven flooding streams of tears flowed from her eyes to her neck.

218. Saintly Śacī wept and wept. As she wept, Lord Gaura bowed His head.

219. Again raising His head, Lord Viśvambhara said: "Mother, please hear My words.

220. "Any day when you wish to see Me, you will see Me at once."

221. Hearing these words, Śacī still wept. With a sorrowing heart Locana dāsa speaks these words.

Viṣṇupriyā-vilāpa

Viṣṇupriyā's Lament

Song 33 (Varāḍī rāga-Dhūlā khelā-jāta, Karuṇā-chanda)

1. In this way Śacī spoke her heart. Her heart was sorrowful. Her face was withered. No words came to her mouth. From her two eyes tears streamed.
 Seeing her, Viṣṇupriyā fell unconscious.
2. Viṣṇupriyā spoke no nectar-sweet words. Her heart was agitated. From the peoples mouths she had heard whispered rumors. From hints she could understand the truth. It was as if she was struck by a thunderbolt. Poor Viṣṇupriyā fell unconscious.
3. Viṣṇupriyā thought in her heart. At the day's end Lord Gaura cheerfully returned home. He ate and drank. Then He lay down on His bed. Viṣṇupriyā quickly approached Him.
4. Touching His lotus feet, she sighed. Her face

anxious, she gazed at Him. Wrapping the vines of her arms around the feet of her master more dear than life, she pressed those feet to her heart.

5. Tears from her eyes soaked her bodice. The flooding streams of her tears washed the Lord's feet.

Lord Gaura suddenly awakened. He asked Viṣṇupriyā what she was doing.

6. "You are most dear, most dear to Me. Why do you weep? O goddess, please tell.", He said. He placed her on His lap. He placed His right hand on her chin. With sweet words again He asked His question.

7. Goddess Viṣṇupriyā wept. Her heart was broken. She spoke not a word. The life breath in her heart was filled with suffering. She felt no longer could she stay in her body. Tears streamed from her eyes.

8. Again and again Lord Gaura asked, but saintly-hearted Viṣṇupriyā never answered. She only held His feet and wept. Lord Gaura knows every art. With the cloth from His own body He wiped her tears. Then He asked some questions.

9. Speaking of how They could enjoy many

pastimes, He made the love within her grow. His words could make a stone burst into flowers. Seeing how eager Lord Gaura was to enjoy with her, moon-faced Viṣṇupriyā spoke some words in a voice choked with emotion.

10. She said: "Please listen. Listen, O master of my life. Please place Your hand on my head. Will You not accept sannyāsa? This I heard from the peoples mouths. Now my heart is broken. I will enter fire.

11. "My life, wealth, beauty, youth, garments, grace, playfulness, love, and skill are meant only to please You. If You leave me, what will I, worthless like a pile of ashes, do? My heart will burn in flames of poison.

12. "Let my body perish. I have only this to say: How will You walk on the pathways? Your feet are soft like śīrīṣa flowers. I fear even to touch them with my hand.

13. "When You stumble and fall like a stick to the ground, my life breath trembles and streams of tears flood my limbs. How will You place Your reddish feet on the bramble-filled forest paths?

14. "When You do even the slightest action, I see drops and drops of perspiration on the moon of Your face. The monsoon will come. Some days rain will come. Other days the sun will shine. In sannyāsa the sufferings are great.

15. "I know nothing but Your feet. Why do You throw me away? Why do You not fear to break the rules of religion? Why will You leave Your elderly mother Śacī, who is already halfway to her death?

16. "Why will You accept sannyāsa? Why will You leave Murāri, Mukunda Datta, Śrīvāsa, Haridāsa, Advaita Acārya, and all the other devotees?

17. "You are filled with love. You live in everyone's heart. Still, Your actions are very troublesome.

When they hear You have gone to a faraway country, Murārī and all the devotees will perish.

18. "What will I do? I am worthless like a pile of ashes. I am the material attachment You wish to renounce. It is because of me that You wish to accept sannyāsa. That is my fear. Very well, I will take one last look at You, and then I will swallow poison. Then You may happily live in Your own

home.

19. "O master, please don't go to another country. There is no one but You in my world. My heart is on fire to gaze at Your face." Viṣṇupriyā had no power to say any more words. Her heart was filled with sorrow. She only grasped Lord Gaura's feet and wept.

20. Hearing Viṣṇupriyā's words, Lord Gaura smiled, picked her up, and placed her on His lap. With His garment He wiped the tears from her face. He joked with her in many ways. "Don't be unhappy for no reason.", He said.

21. "Who said I would leave you and accept sannyāsa? Whatever I do will tell you. Don't perish with this needless sorrow."

22. After saying these words, Lord Gaura-Harī kissed and embraced her. With her He enjoyed many wonderful nectar pastimes. With limitless loving pastimes, with pastimes at the highest point of all grace and beauty, He satisfied Viṣṇupriyā.

23. With blissful nectar pastimes They passed the night. Flames again rose in Viṣṇupriyā's heart.

Gazing at the face of hre beloved more dear than life, again she questioned Him.

24. Placing her Lord's hand on her breast, Goddess Viṣṇupriyā asked: "Please don't lie to me. Tell me the truth. Will You leave me?

25. "You asre the supreme master. You will do whatever You like. You are never controlled by anyone. You will do whatever You wish. If You wish to accept sannyāsa, what can I say to stop You? Please tell the truth to me."

26. Hearing thewse words, the Lord gently smiled and said: "Please listen, O dearest beloved. What I say is for your benefit. Please listen carefully.

27. "Whatever you see in this world is an illusion. Only the Supreme Personality of Godhead and the Vaiṣṇavas are real. Please know that everything else is an illsuion.

28. "Children, husband, wife, father, and mother are all illusions. They are all temporary. Who has a relationship with whom? Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet are our only family. We have no other family in truth. Please see all other family as the illusions of Māyā.

29. "Who is a husband and who a wife? Both are spirit souls. Their relationship is false. It is only the shackles of material illusion. Lord Kṛṣṇa is the husband of all. All are His wives. This truth no one knows.

30. "Seed and egg join, and then an infant is born from the place where urine flows. Filled with ignorance, the infant falls to the ground. That infant grows to become a child, then a youth, and then elder. He suffers many troubles. Still, he is very proud of his body and his home.

31. "For so long he maintained his family, but in his old age his family only insults him. In old age he has no honor. Gradually he grows blind and deaf. Despondent, he weeps. He never worshiped Lord Kṛṣṇa.

32. "He accepted a human body in this world of birth and death to have an opportunity to worship Lord Kṛṣṇa. But, bound by māyā's shackles, he forgets his true purpose. Intoxicated with pride, he forgets his true master. At the end he dies and goes to hell.

33. "Your name is Viṣṇupriyā (She who is dear to Lord Viṣṇu). Now please make that an appropriate name for you. Please don't needlessly lament in your heart. This I tell to you: Throw your worries far away and dedicate your body and mind to serving Lord Kṛṣṇa."

34. Then Lord Gaura manifested His power as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He threw his illusory potency māyā far away. He made Viṣṇupriyā joyful at heart. Her suffering and lamentation fled far away. Her heart was filled with bliss. Suddenly she saw four-armed Lord Viṣṇu standing before her.

35. Even though she saw four-armed Lord Viṣṇu before her, Goddess Viṣṇupriyā never abandoned the idea that Lord Gaura was her husband. Falling down before the Lord's feet, she said: "O Lord, please hear the one request I place before You.

36. "I, a person worthless like a pile of ashes, have taken birth in this world of birth and death. You are the dear master of my life. You are my great treasure. I am Your maid servant. Why, then, do I feel like I am falling down into hell?"

37. Speaking these words, sorrowing Viṣṇupriyā wept. She was wild with grief. Seeing His dear dear devotee's distress, Lord Gaura also wept, the tears flowing from His eyes. Then He embraced her and gave her His mercy.

38. He said: "Please hear, O Goddess Viṣṇupriyā. I will tell you what is in My heart. Whenever you think of Me, I will come before you. I solemnly tell you this is the truth. It is the truth."

39. Hearing Lord Kṛṣṇa's promise, Viṣṇupriyā thought for a moment and said: "You are the independent Supreme Lord. You will do whatever You wish. What power have I to stop You? I will never say anything to stop You."

40. Viṣṇupriyā bowed her head. Tears flowed from her eyes. Gazing at her, the Lord spoke sweet words. Listening to Lord Gaura's words and deeds, sorrowing Locana dāsa sings this song.

Song 34 (Varāḍi rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: O! O! He who is the moon of the
brāhmaṇas is my very life. The sweetness of Lord
Gaura's form charms even Kāmadeva. May the sight
of Lord Gaura's form always be awakened within
me.

41. In this way some days and nights passed. Flames
blazed in the devotees hearts.

42. Gathering together, the devotees sang the
glories of Lord Gaura. Weeping, they revealed their
hearts.

43. Śacī and Viṣṇupriyā wept day and night. For
them the ten directions were filled with blinding
darkness. For them every place was a lifeless desert.

44. The devotees and people of Navadvīpa found no
peace. Walking in the city, they were always
anxious and troubled.

45. His heart filled with sorrow, Śrīvāsa, the king of
the brāhmaṇas, then spoke to Lord Gaura.

46. He said: "I fear to speak. Lord, if You permit, I
will go with You.

47. "The others would also go with You. If they cannot see You, they will not maintain their lives.
48. "Amongst them I will be the first to die. Please hear, O Lord Viśvambhara. I speak what is in my heart."

49. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura gently, gently smiled and said: "Please hear, O Śrīvāsa.

50. "Please do not fear that you will ever be separated from Me. I will never leave the side of you and the devotees.

51. "I will always stay in the Kṛṣṇa-temples in your homes. Please be peaceful at heart."

52. Speaking these enlightening words, Lord Gaura pacified Śrīvāsa. At dusk the Lord went to Murāri Gupta's home.

53. Accompanied by Haridāsa, Lord Gaura went to Murāri's home. In the temple room there, Lord Gaura privately said to him:

54. "O Murāri, please hear My words. To Me you are more dear than life. That is why I now speak these words to you.

55. "I will tell you the highest truth. Please listen

with care. I will teach you something for your great benefit.

56. "Advaita Acārya Gosāī is the most glorious person in the three worlds. To Me no one is more dear a friend than He.

57. "He is a plenary incarnation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He is the guru of everyone. Anyone who desires his own welfare should serve Him.

58. "He is the king of the Vaiṣṇavas. He is the auspiciousness of the worlds. Therefore you should worship Him with great devotion.

59. "Anyone who worships Him worships Lord Kṛṣṇa. Now I will tell you another secret. Please keep this secret in your heart.

60-61. "Please know that I reside in the bodies of Gadādhara Pañdita Gosāī, Nityānanda, Advaita, Śrīvāsa, and Rāmāī. I tell you this secret. Please keep it in your heart."

62. Hearing these words, Murāri, the king of physicians, in his own heart understood the actions of Lord Gaura's heart.

63. Weeping and weeping, he fell before hte Lord's feet. He knew very well the Lord was about to accept sannyāsa.

64. Then Murārī offered obeisances to Haridāsa. Like a shoreless ocean of humbleness, he offered all that he had.

65. Hearing Murāri's weeping, Lord Gaura became very unhappy. He quickly stood up and hurried back to His own home.

66. With these words He comforted Murāri: "I will always stay near you.

67. "There is still time before I accept sannyāsa. When I have accepted sannyāsa, the words I spoke to you will be your shelter."

68. Speaking these words, Lord Gaura departed for His own home. With a heart filled with sorrow Locana dāsa sings this song.

Prabhur Sannyāsa

The Lord's Sannyāsa

Song 35 (Karunaśrī rāga)

Refrain: O! O! O! Lord Gaura! I gaze at the moon of
Lord Gaura!

1. Rising at dawn and performing His morning duties, Lord Gaura-Harī decided: "Now I will accept sannyāsa."
2. "Keśava Bhāratī Gosvāmī now stays in the town of Katwa. Nimbāī Paṇḍita will accept sannyāsa from him."
3. In His heart Lord Viśvambhara thought in this way. At the time of beginning His journey He breathed through His right nostril.
4. Then He walked to the Gaṅgā. Crossing the Gaṅgā, He left Navadvīpa.
5. Offering obeisances to the Gaṅgā, He left Navadvīpa. This act was like a thunderbolt striking the heads of all the devotees.
6. Though it was midday, the sun hid. The swans

suddenly abandoned the lakes. Where did they go?

7. The bumblebees were now averse to the lotus flowers. It was as if the life breath has suddenly left their bodies.

8. A great grief of separation filled Navadvīpa. It was as if a mountain of anguish now crushed everyone.

9. Śacī, Viṣṇupriyā, and all the Lord's associates fainted. Their bodies suddenly fell to the ground.

10. Hugging Viṣṇupriyā, Śacī-devī wept. Viṣṇupriyā fainted and fell to ther ground. There she stayed. It was as if she were dead.

11. The life breath seemed to have left her limbs. Then Śacī and Viṣṇupriyā both wept. They rolled on the ground.

12. Calling out, "Nimāi!", Śacī-devī wept. It was as if her heart was ablaze with a host of flames.

13. She lamented: "Why have the ten directions become a desert covered by blinding darkness. Why has my home become filled with horrors?

14. "My house is devouring me. The sweet words of my relatives have become poison.

15. "Now no one will call out to me, 'Mother! No one remembers me. Even Yamarāja forgets me.
16. "Why am I tormented in this way? Why has my son left me? I had only one son. Now He has abandoned me. Where did He go?
17. "Alas! Alas! My son is merciless. Where did my son go? Who will bring Him back to me?
18. "Dear son, when I remember Your sweetness, my heart breaks. O Gaura-Hari, again and again You called out, 'Mother! No other word would You call out.
19. "Dear son, leaving me without a master to protect me, where did You go? In Your heart did You think how You would make Your mother suffer? I am filled with sorrows.
20. "O son, You read, and listened, and learned so much. Still You made Your mother so unfortunate, a mother without anyone to protect her.
21. "Abandoning Viṣṇupriyā, where did You go? You did not think of the love the devotees bear for You."
22. Viṣṇupriyā wept. Her heart was no longer wise. One moment she stood. The next moment she fell

down. Her heart was wild.

23. She placed no garments on her limbs. She did not tie her hair. She wept and wept. She became wild. She became a madwoman.

24. She said: "Holding to my heart the garland that touched my master's body, I will burn in a fire's flames. Thus I will die."

25. Someone said: "I have no rope to hang myself, so I will stab my heart." Another said: "This is punishment for our past misdeeds."

26. Saying, "O Lord, Your glories were sweeter than nectar", everyone wished to enter a fire's flames.

27. No one has the power to understand the confidential pastimes of these devotees. Their hearts now become blazing fires, they wept, making a great wail of their grief.

28. The four directions were filled with devotees whose hearts were tormented with sorrow. How could they restrain themselves? They had no power to do that.

29. One powerful devotee gently, gently said to the others: "What shall I say to console you? Please be

peaceful at heart.

30. "Think of what you have seen and heard of the Lord, and make your heart peaceful. Everyone do this in your hearts.

31. "Who understands the Supreme Personality of Godhead? We can only hear of what He has done when He descended to this world.

32. "His activities are beyond what the Vedas or the people can understand. The very fortunate devotees chant His holy names.

33. "Therefore whatever command the Lord gives everyone should resolutely obey with all their hearts."

34. Hearing these words, the sorrowful-hearted devotees checked their weeping.

35. Then Lord Nityānanda reasoned with the devotees: "Where did the Lord go? Let us try to understand."

36. One devotee said: "Perhaps He went to a pilgrimage place. Perhaps we can find Lord Gauracandra there."

37. Lord Nityānanda said: "Perhaps He went to

Vṛndāvana, or Vārāṇasī, or Jagannātha Puri. Many sannyāsīs stay in those places.

38. "Keśava Bhāratī Gosvāmī now stays in Katwa. Perhaps Nimāī Paṇḍita accepted sannyāsa from him.

39. "That news I heard from Lord Gaura's own mouth. But I do not know for certain that is what He did.

40. "Perhaps it is not true that He did that. First I will go, learn the truth, and then report to everyone.

41. "Give me some steady devotees to come with me, and I will go, find Lord Gaurāṅga, and bring Him back."

42. The devotees agreed. Some of the most prominent devotees agreed to go with Him.

43. Śrī Candraśekhara Acārya, Dāmodara Paṇḍita, Vakreśvara, and some others set out at once.

44. After first giving comfort to the hearts of Śacī and Viṣṇupriyā, Lord Nityānanda departed with Candraśekhara and the others.

45. Meanwhile, walking like a graceful wild

elephant, Lord Gaura-Harī proceeded to Katwa.
46. Flooding rivers of tears of spiritual love flowed from His eyes. The hairs on His golden limbs stood erect.

47. His hair was tied. He walked like a wrestler of Mathurā.

48. His was overcome with thoughts of separation from Śrī Rādhā. He thought: "Where is Rādhā? Where is My Gokula?"

49. One moment He quickly walked. Another moment He slowly walked. Another moment He slapped His arms. Another moment He looked in the four directions.

50. Overcome with ecstatic spiritual love, He walked in this way on the path. He thought: "My Lord Jagannātha is the master of all."

51. In this way Lord Viśvambhara came to Katwa and approached Keśava Bhāratī, the best of the sannyāsīs.

52. With great devotion Lord Viśvambhara bowed down. The sannyāsī respectfully picked up Lord Viśvambhara. The sannyāsī was reminded of Lord

Nārāyaṇa.

53. They both thought themslves very fortunate. They talked. Lord Viśvambhara said: "Please give Me sannyāsa."

54. As these two thus met, Lord Nityānanda, Candraśekhara, and the others suddenly arrived.
55. They offered obeisances to the sannyāsī and to Lord Viśvambhara. Lord Viśvambhara smiled and said: "It is good You have come.

56. "Your arrival is auspicious for Me. I will accept sannyāsa. Now My birth in this world will bear its fruit."

57. After speaking these words, the Lord again said to the sannyāsī: "I bow down before you. I humbly say to you: I wish to accept sannyāsa."

58. Keśava Bhāratī replied: "Please hear. Hear, O Viśvambhara. My heart trembles to offer You sannyāsa.

59. "Your form is handsome. Your age is youth. From the time of Your birth You have known neither trouble nor suffering.

60. "You have no children. I will not offer You

sannyāsa.

61. "When You are fifty years old and You have turned away from the passions of youth, then it will be right to offer You sannyāsa."

62. Hearing these words, the Lord gently said:
"What shall I say to you?

63. "Please do not bewilder Me. Please hear, O wise sannyāsī. Who but you knows the difference between right and wrong?

64. "In this world of birth and death a human birth is rare and difficult to attain. In that human birth devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa, the highest religion, is also rare and difficult to attain.

65. "Association with Lord Kṛṣṇa's devotees is especially rare and difficult to attain. At any moment, in a single sesame seed's worth of time, this human body may be broken into pieces.

66. "If I delay, this human body may be lost. How, then, will I attain the association of another great Vaiṣṇava like yourself?

67. "Please don't try to bewilder Me. Give to Me sannyāsa. By your mercy I will become Lord Kṛṣṇa's

servant."

68. When the Lord had spoken these words, His eyes became red with sorrow. Tears of sorrow streamed down His face.

69. Then, more ferocious than a lion, Lord Gaura roared. His body was marked with the signs of ecstatic spiritual love.

70. "Hari! Hari!", He called out in a voice like a thundering cloud. Streams of tears flowed without stop from His two eyes.

71. Calling out, "Flute! Flute!", He manifested the threefold-bending form of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Then, calling out "Rāsa-dance circle!", He joyfully jumped.

72. Calling out, "Govardhana! Rādhā'-kuṇḍa!", the Lord loudly laughed. The sannyāsī was filled with wonder. His heart was afraid.

73. Keśava Bhāratī, the king of sannyāsīs, reflected in his heart. In his heart he thought: "What I did was not good.

74. "He who is the master of the worlds, who is the guru of the worlds, stands before me with folded hands and calls me `guru'."

75. Thinking in this way, the sannyāsī Keśava Bhāratī said: "If You will accept sannyāsa, then first return to Your home.

76. "Go to Your mother and get her permission. Go to Your saintly wife.

77. "Go to all Your associates and get their permission. Inform Your associates. Then return to me."

78. In his heart Keśava Bhāratī thought: "When Lord Gauracandra goes to get permission, I will leave this place and go away."

79. Lord Gaura, who is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Supersoul present in every heart, knew the thoughts in Keśava Bhāratī's heart.

Smiling, Lord Gaura said: "I will obey Your command."

80. Then Lord Gaura departed for Navadvīpa. Seeing this, the sannyāsī Keśava Bhāratī thought in his heart:

81. "The many universes rest in the pores of His body. To what country will I flee to escape Him?

82. "My heart is bewildered. I see but I do not see.

He is the life of everyone. He is the witness who
watches everyone."

83. Thinking in this way, the sannyasī called out:
"Gaura-Hari! I have a humble request to place
before You.

84. "O Viśvambhara, please hear the words I speak. I
am very afraid to offer You sannyāsa.

85. "You are the guru of all the worlds. Who can be
Your guru? Why do You try to trick me and mock
me in this way?"

86. Hearing these words, Lord Viśvambhara Rāya
wept. He offered āratī. He grasped the sannyasī's
feet.

87. He said: "Why do you speak so harshly to a
surrendered soul? If I leave your feet I will die.

88. "My heart accepts whatever you say. Still, I have
one request. Please hear My words.

89. "Once, at the end of night, I saw a dream. I
brāhmaṇa told Me the sannyāsa mantra.

90. "Is this the mantra, or not? Please look and see."
Saying these words, the Lord whispered the mantra
in Keśava Bhāratī's ear.

91. By speaking the mantra in the sannyāsī's ear, Lord Gaura, the supremely independent Personality of Godhead, initiated him and became his guru.
92. Keśava Bhāratī Gosvāmī understood all that had happened. "Please hear, O Nimāi. I will offer You sannyāsa", he said.
93. Hearing these words, the Lord joyfully danced. "Hari! Hari!", He called out in a voice like a thundering cloud.
94. The hairs on His fair form stood erect. The sweetness of His limbs was like a flood of nectar.
95. Tears flowed without stop from His reddish eyes. Seeing Him, everyone loudly called out, "Alas! Alas!"
96. The people of Katwa town ran to see Him. Gazing at Him, their eyes and hearts were filled with cooling bliss.
- 97-98. The elders, the blind, women, men, paṇḍitas, fools, and children all ran to see Him. Running, the beautiful respectable girls paid no attention to attractive dress and ornaments.
99. Resting waterpots on their hips, some women

stood still like sticks and gazed at the Lord. They had no power to move. Grasping staffs, some ran to watch.

100. The lame, the sick, and the pregnant women all gazed at the Lord. Seeing the Lord's graceful limbs, the people mocked the sannyāsī about to offer Him sannyāsa.

101. Saying, "Glorious! Glorious!", the people gazed at the Lord's wonderful form.

102. They thought: "Fortunate, fortunate is the mother that bore Him in her womb. We hear that in her previous birth she must have been Devakī herself.

103. "Who is fortunate like the girl that has Him for her husband? In the three worlds no girl is fortunate like her."

104. As the people gazed at the Lord's form, tears flowed from their eyes. They could not bear to see the Lord accept sannyāsa.

105. "How can His mother continue to live? Simply by hearing He will accept sannyāsa, we girls feel on the verge of death."

106. Thinking in these ways, everyone wept. Then Lord Gaura called out to them: "Please don't lament.

107. "Please bless Me. O My mothers and fathers, please hear. I yearn to bow My head before Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet.

108. "Lord Kṛṣṇa is My master. I yearn to see Him. I yearn to tie My heart to Him.

109. "A person who employs His grace, youth, and nectar handsomeness to worship His true master attains all good fortune.

110. "Please think in your hearts. Everyone knows that without serving her husband a young girl wastes her life.

111. "In the same way, without serving Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet I have no auspicious future. Dedicating My body to His service, I will worship the master of My life."

112. Speaking these words, Lord Mahāprabhu wept. For a moment everyone felt stunned at heart.

113. Again Lord Gaura bowed down before Keśava Bhāratī, the best of sannyāsīs. Again He spoke the desire in His heart.

114. Following His guru's command, on the following day smiling Lord Gaura prepared for the ritual of accepting sannyāsa.

115. When He had prepared everything for the ritual, with a joyful heart He said: "Please offer Me sannyāsa."

116. To Keśava Bhāratī, the jewel of ācāryas, Lord Gaura offered worship worthy of Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself. From the four directions the Vaiṣṇavas called out: "Hari! Hari!"

117. With folded palms standing before His guru, Lord Gaura offered respectful obeisances and requested the sannyāsa mantra.

118. Now please hear how the Lord's head was shaved. Hearing the Lord's head was then to be shaved, the people felt sorrow in their hearts.

119. The Vaiṣṇavas hearts trembled. As the Lord was about to be shaved, the people covered their faces with their garments.

120-124. Lord Gaura's hair, the most graceful hair in the three worlds, the hair Goddess Lakṣmī playfully fondles, the flower-decorated hair that rests on

graceful elephant shoulders, abundant hair tied in a topknot, the hair that charms all the worlds, the hair on which the devotees meditate, the hair that sustains the devotees lives, the hair that made the gopīs renounce their shyness, the hair that pulled down the gopīs fear of losing their families, honor, and righteousness, the hair Śiva, Brahmā, and Nārada glorify with many songs, the hair the devotees in their hearts think the most glorious of all treasures, that glorious hair Lord Gaura now wished to shave away. Everyone wept. They did not stop for a moment.

125. The barber would not place His hand on the Lord's head. The barber's limbs trembled in fear.
126. The men and women of Katwa town wept and wept. They made a piteous sound.
127. The barber said: "Lord, I place these words before Your feet. Who, after placing his hands on Your head, has the power to remain alive?
128. "I have no power to shave Your graceful curly hair, hair that charms the three worlds.
129. "Gazing at Your hair, every eye and heart

becomes filled with cooling bliss. O Lord, please do whatever You wish to do, but please do not shave Your hair.

130. "No other person in this universe is like You. You are the master of all the worlds. You know what is in every heart."

131. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura was displeased. Aware of this, the barber was afraid at heart.

132. Again he begeed, his heart filled with sorrow:
"How can I place my hand on Your head?

133. "I fear I will offend You. Who can place a hand on Your head?

134. "What will be the fate of someone who places a hand on Your head? I am the lowest person. I am born in a low family. I am worthless like a pile of ashes."

135. Hearing these words, kindhearted Lord Gaura said: "No misfortune will befall you.

136. "By Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy you will happily pass this lifetime. At the end you will go to My abode."

137. At the time of shaving His hair Lord Gaura

gave this blessing to the barber. With a sorrowing heart Locana dāsa sings this song.

Song 36 (Pūravī-sindhudā rāga)

138. Seeing the shaving was now done, Lord Gaura accepted sannyāsa on an auspicious day and an auspicious moment.

139. At the junction of Capricorn and Aquarius, the guru Keśava Bhāratī recited the sannyāsa mantra.

140. As the Vaiṣṇavas in thw four directions chanted Lord Hari's holy names, the sannyāsī Keśava Bhāratī whispered the sannyāsa mantra in Lord Viśvambhara's ear.

141. When Lord Viśvambhara heard the sannyāsa mantra, the hairs of His body stood erect. He was tossed by waves of ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa, waves that were now greater by hundreds and hundreds of times.

142. Tears flowed from His reedish eyes without

stop. He slapped His arms. He let out a roar.

143. "The sannyāsa is done." He joyfully said. Again and again He loudly laughed in the bliss of spiritual love.

144. At that time Keśava Bhāratī said: "Please hear, O Nimāi. What shall be Your name?"

145. As the Vaiṣṇavas were assembled around him, that best of the sannyāsīs considered what name to give.

146. As he was about to speak the name he had chosen according to his own intelligence, an auspicious voice spoke from the sky.

147. Hearing this voice, everyone became filled with wonder. "Give Him the name Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya.

148. "Manifesting a dreamlike form, Goddess Mahāmāyā has covered all living entities. In this way everyone's intelligence is covered.

149. "By her power everyone is asleep and dreaming. The Supreme Lord will now personally awaken (caitanya) everyone.

150. "This person is lord Kṛṣṇa Himself. Because He is Lord Kṛṣṇa who will teach everyone about Lord

Kṛṣṇa, I give Him the name Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya."

151. Hearing this divine voice, everyone became filled with bliss. Everyone called out, "Hari!"

152. Following his command, Lord Gaura happily and devotedly served His guru Keśava Bhāratī Gosvāmī. In this way the day passed.

153. When evening came the Vaiṣṇavas gathered and performed saṅkīrtana of chanting Lord Hari's holy names. Dancing with His guru, Lord Gaura enchanted all the worlds.

154. Filled with the bliss of spiritual love, Lord Gaura and Keśava Bhāratī danced. Everyone chanted, "Hari!"

155. Filled with the bliss of spiritual love, They both forgot Themselves. They both thought the bliss of Impersonal Brahman very insignificant.

156. In this way the night blissfully passed. When morning rose, Lord Gaura requested permission to depart.

157. He circumambulated His guru. Then He offered obeisances. "If I go to Jagannātha Puri, I will attain an auspicious situation."

158. Lord Gaura placed this request before His guru's feet. Keśava Bhāratī's heart trembled.

159. Tears of sorrow flowed from his eyes. At the time of bidding farewell, he embraced Lord Gauracandra.

160. "You are the supremely independent Personality of Godhead. Because You are compassionate, with Your own feet You will wander this world.

161. "You have shown how a disciple should be devoted to his guru. Now You will establish the religion of saṅkīrtana (chanting Lord Hari's holy names) in this world.

162. "Manifesting Your mercy, You will deliver everyone in the world. You tricked me into offering You sannyāsa.

163. "O Lord Viśvambhara, please deliver me also. In Your heart please agree to my request."

164. After touching His guru's feet, Lord Gaura departed. Walking on the path, He was overcome with spiritual bliss and love.

165. With great joy and love He called out, "Kṛṣṇa!

Kṛṣṇa!" One moment He wept. The next moment
He loudly laighed.

166. Like the celestial Gaṅgā flowing from the
summit of Mount Sumeru, a flooding river of tears
flowed from His eyes onto His chest.

167. Defating the filaments of the kadamba flowers,
the hairs of his body stood erect. From head to foot,
His body seemed adorned with brambles.

168. One moment He wildly ran. Another moment
He sang "Kṛṣṇa!" with great love.

169. Another moment He became stunned and fell
to the ground. Another moment He called out,
"Haribol!" and leapt in the air.

170. One moment He felt the ecstasy of the gopīs.
Another moment He felt the ecstasy of dāsy-a-rasa
(service to the Lord). One moment He was calm
and peaceful. Another moment He swiftly ran.

171. Overcome with bliss, He did not know if it was
day or night. However, when He came to Rādhā-
deśa, He could not find even the scent of Lord
Kṛṣṇa's holy name.

172. Not hearing Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names, Lord

Gaura felt sorrow rise in His heart. At that moment
He decided to enter the water.

173. Seeing this, everyone was struck with grief and
remorse. "Lord Gaurāṅga has gone to Goloka. O
dear friends, what will happen now?"

174. Then heroic Lord Nityānanda said: "With My
own power I will rescue Lord Caitanya."

175. At that moment some boys came, herding cows.
Lord Nityānanda entered their hearts.

176. Approaching the riverbank, one boy suddenly
began to call out, "Hari!"

177. Hearing this, Lord Gaura-Harī ran to the boy,
grasped his hand, and urged him: "Chant! Chant!
Chant!"

178. "May the Supreme Lord be merciful to you. By
making Me hear Lord Hari's holy name you made
My life perfect."

179. Now Lord Gaura was joyful. His heart floated
in bliss. Begging alms, He had something to eat, and
then He continued on His journey.

180. Filled with bliss, He did not know if it was day
or night. In this way three days passed until again

He placed some food and water in His mouth.

181. Filled with spiritual bliss and love, the days and nights passed in this way. Then Lord Gaura bid farewell to Śrī Candraśekhara Acārya.

182. Lord Gaura said: "We will see each other again. We will see each other soon. Please don't be unhappy."

183. Speaking these words, Lord Gaura quickly departed. Weeping and weeping, Śrī Candraśekhara continued on his path.

184. As if from a single mouth, the people of Navadvīpa heard that Śrī Candraśekhara had returned.

185. Locana dāsa says: "I have no power to describe the scene when Śrī Candraśekhara returned to Navadvīpa.

Prabhur Śāntipure Agamana

The Lord's Arrival in Śāntipure

Song 37 (Karuṇāśrī rāga)

Refrain: O! O! O! O!

1. Candraśekhara Acārya entered Navadvīpa.
Flooding rivers of tears flowed from his eyes without
stop.
2. Seeing him, the people of Navadvīpa felt their
hearts burst into flames. Their hearts trembled.
3. The Vaiṣṇavas gathered around him. They had
no power to check their tears. Their faces were
withered with grief.
4. They had no power to speak. No word came to
their mouths. Hearing of Candraśekhara's arrival,
Śacī-devī, her hair dishevelled, ran there.
5. Like a wild woman she called out, "Acārya!" Not
seeing Lord Gaurāṅga, she let out a cry of grief.
6. "Where is my Nimāi? Where did you take Him?
Did He shave His head? To what country did He go?
7. "What cruel-hearted sannyāsī worthless like a pile
of ashes gave the sannyāsa mantra to Viśvambhara.

That sannyāsī has no mercy.

8. "His hair was so graceful and beautiful to see.
Who is the merciless-hearted barber worthless like a
pile of ashes that shaved His hair?

9. "Who is the sinner that touched a razor to His
hair? How can such a cruel, merciless person
continue to live?

10. "From whose house did my Nimāī beg alms? Did
my son truly shave His head?

11. "O son, never again will I see Your face. For me
this whole world is now filled with blinding
darkness.

12. "Never again will I cook rice and offer it to You.
Never again will I place my hand on Your graceful
limbs.

13. Never again will I kiss Your graceful face. Who
will understand when You are hungry?"

14. In this way Śacī-devī lamented. Then Viṣṇupriyā
came there.

15. Viṣṇupriyā's weeping made the ground crack. It
made the birds, beasts, trees, vines, and stones weep
with her.

16. She said: "Alas! Alas! What will become of me?
Without Lord Gaura the whole world is covered
with blinding darkness.

17. "Never again will I see His smiles or His
charming handsome form. Never again will I hear
His wise and eloquent words like streams of nectar.

18. "You made me a girl without a master or a
shelter. Where did You go? I will always remember
Your glories. This I say to You:

19. "How can I be foretunate if I cannot see You? I
will only weep and weep. The people will only mock
me.

20. "They will say: 'Renouncing the embraces of
that unfoertunate girl, He went away. Now her
household life is broken. She is unfortunate. Why
does she not simply die?"

21. "With amorous eyes I worshiped Your face. If I
cannot see You, how will I keep my heart alive?

22. "Many beautiful girls died out of separation from
You. I am very unfortunate, for still I keep my body
alive.

23. "I will die. I will die. O handsome Lord

Gaurāṅga, where can I go? My nature is weak. I am
a very unfortunate girl.

24. "To what country should I go? Where should I go
to find You? If I do not find You I will die.

25. "Renouncing helpless me, to what country did
You go? Alas! Where will I find You?

26. "No longer will I keep my sinful body alive."

Rolling on the ground, Goddess Viṣṇupriyā called
out, "Alas! Alas!"

27. Pushed by the grief of separation, she sighed
without stop. Her lips became withered and dry.

Her body trembled.

28. Her garments and hair became disarrayed. She
fell in the dust. In a moment her body became
emaciated. She fell to the ground. There she stayed.

29. Meditating on Lord Gaura's reddish feet, she fell
unconscious. Regaining consciousness, she was
tortured by grief.

30. "Master! Master!", she called out in a voice filled
with pain. Hearing Viṣṇupriyā weep, everyone there
wept also.

31. Many came to comfort her. But when they saw

Viṣṇupriyā, their hearts burst into flames.

32. Everyone said: "Look. Listen, O Viṣṇupriyā. How can we give comfort to you? Please make your heart peaceful.

33. "Your master's actions are not outside your knowledge. Meditate on them and bring some comfort to your heart."

34. In this way the devotees comforted her. They talked about Lord Gauracandra.

35. They said: "By accepting sannyasa He brought us great suffering. Without any mercy He left us and went away.

36. "How could He leave us? Cruel Lord Gaura left us all and went away.

37. "His name is more kind than He is Himself. By chanting His name we will attain Him. That is our first desire.

38. "He said to all of us: `Anyone who chants My name will attain Me. "

39. Thus Śacī, Viṣṇupriyā, and everyone else sat down and chanted Lord Gaura's holy names.

40. Children, youths, and elders all sat down and

chanted Lord Gaurāṅga's holy names.

41. In this way the ferocious lion of Lord Gaurāṅga became bound by the ropes of His own holy names.

In this way Lord Mahāprabhu was trapped. His journey was broken.

42. Leaning on Lord Nityānanda's boyd, Lord Gaura wept. Tears flowed from His eyes.

43. He said: "O Nityānanda, please go to Navadvīpa. I will show Myself to everyone at Śāntipura."

44. Hearing this, Lord Nityānanda became joyful at heart. Lord Gaura said: "I will show Myswelf to everyone. It is the truth."

45. Then Lord Gauracandra continued His journey. With a sorrowful heart Locana dāsa speaks these words.

46. Lord Nityānanda continued walking with Lord Gaura. Then Lord Gaura smiled and bid Him farewell.

47. Lord Gaura said: "Please hear My words. Go to Navadvīpa. My friends are in the towns of Nadiyā.

48. "In the name of Lord Nārāyaṇa tell everyone I

will go to Advaita Acārya's house.

49. "Bring My mother there. She will see Me at
Advaita Acārya's house."

50. After speaking these words, Lord Mahaprabhu quickly walked, and Lord Nityānanda returned to the towns of Nadīyā.

51. The people of Nadīyā's towns were half alive and half dead. Their bodies were bent. No one had a healthy ruddy complexion.

52. No food was in their stomachs. Their bodies trembled. Without Lord Gauracandra they were blind.

53. Lord Nityānanda had unexpectedly come to Nadīyā's towns. The word spread. Everyone ran to Him.

54. Trembling, the people had no power to walk on the paths. Their eyes filled with tears, they could not even see the paths.

55. Falling at Lord Nityānanda's feet, all the Vaiṣṇavas wept. They had no power to speak. Every mouth was silent.

56. Eager Śacī wildly ran. In her grief it seemed to

her the sky and land had joined and become one.

57. In a voice filled with grief Śacī called out: "O Avadhūta, where is my Nimāi, my golden son?"

58. Speaking these words, Śacī wept and beat her chest with her hand. She trembled. She could not even see the pathway.

59. Seeing Śacī, Lord Nityānanda respectfully stood.

Śacī said: "How far away is my son?"

60. Lord Nityānanda said: "Please do not be unhappy at heart. He sent Me to you all with a message.

61. "The Lord will stay at Advaita Acārya's house. Please do not be unhappy. Go to see Him. It is not far.

62. "Everyone should go and see the Lord." In this way everyone at once went on that journey.

63. Children, elders, youths, the dumb, the wise, the fools, the ascetics, everyone went.

64. Ahead of everyone Śacī went. All the Vaiṣṇavas joyfully went.

65. Finally they came to Advaita Acārya's house. They did not see Lord Gaura. Everyone felt broken.

66. Lord Nityānanda asked Advaita Acārya: "Lord Gaura said He would come to Your āśrama.

67. "He sent Me to tell everyone. What was in His heart? That I do not know."

68. When He had spoken these words the two of Them embraced. Hearing that Lord Gaurāṅga had accepted sannyāsa, Lord Advaita became distraught at heart.

69. He said: "I am very unfortunate. I did not have His association. When will I again see the moon of His face?"

70. Wild with grief, Śacī asked about her son. Everyone said to her: "Soon the Lord will come."

71. Every heart was filled with longing. At that moment Lord Mahāprabhu arrived.

72. His body was ten million times more effulgent. It was anointed with splendid long tilaka marks of sandal.

73. Lord Gaura wore saffron garments. He was effulgent like the rising sun.

74. Lord Gaura carried a dāṇḍa. He walked like a lion. Seeing Him, everyone fell before His feet.

75. Gazing at the effulgence of His body, everyone felt their hearts become filled with cooling bliss. Everyone forgot their millions and millions of sorrows.

76. Every heart was filled with ecstatic love. No one felt any grief or sorrow. With unblinking eyes Śacī gazed at Lord Viśvambhara's face.

77. No sorrow was in her heart. Gazing and gazing at the Lord's face, she felt showered with nectar.

78. Lord Advaita Acārya Gosāī felt His heart was filled with bliss. He offered a splendid āsana for Lord Gaura Rāya to sit.

79. He washed the Lord's feet and then He dried them with a cloth. Everyone drank the water that had washed the Lord's feet.

80. Hearing the words "Jaya! Jaya!" and "Hari! Haribol!", every Vaiṣṇava felt his heart tossed by waves of bliss.

81. Gazing at the Lord's effulgence, Haridāsa, Murāri, Mukunda Datta, and Śrīvāsa became filled with bliss.

82. Falling down like sticks, they offered respectful

obeisances. As they gazed at the Lord's face, tears flowed from their eyes.

83. Their voices were choked with bliss. The hairs of their bodies stood erect. The bodies that were once almost dead were now filled with life.

84. In this way the devotees gazed at Lord Gaura Rāya. Lord Gaura's heart was filled with mercy. With eyes filled with mercy Lord Gaura glanced at everyone.

85. Someone Lord Gaura touched. With someone He joked and talked. Someone else He embraced.

86. In this way Lord Gaura filled the desires of each devotee. Every heart there was filled with ecstatic spiritual love.

87. Everyone was delighted. All grief fled far away. Everyone joyfully spoke auspicious words. Everyone chanted "Hari!"

88. Lord Advaita Acārya Gosāī was a very wise devotee. At His āśrama Lord Gaura accepted alms.

89. Everyone there was exalted like Lord Advaita. At His home they all joyfully accepted their meal.

90. That Lord Gaura had accepted sannyāsa did not

enter anyone's mind. Filled with bliss, everyone passed the day and night in singing the Lord's holy names in saṅkīrtana.

91. In that saṅkīrtana Lord Gaura sang His own holy names. He danced and He inspired others to dance also.

92. Delighted by tasting the nectar of ecstatic love, all the devotees danced. Accompanied by His sons, Lord Advaita Acārya also danced.

93. Every heart was filled with a shoreless ocean of ecstatic spiritual love. Beginning with tears, trembling, and standing erect of the body's hairs, the ecstatic symptoms of sāttvika-bhāva were manifested on every body.

94. Every heart was filled with the glistening splendor of bliss. Hearing of all this, Locana dāsa has also become filled with bliss.

Prabhur Nīlācala-gamana o Daṇḍa-bhaṅga-līlā

The Lord's Journey to Nīlācala and His Pastime of

Breaking the Dāṇḍa

Song 38 (Bhaṭiyārī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: O! O! O! Please sing the glories of Lord Gaura! O! O! O! Please turn away from all material desires! As long as you stay in this world, please never turn away from Lord Mahāprabhu's feet!

1. The auspicious night passed in that way. Then the dawn came. After performing His morning duties, Lord Gaura sat on His āsana.
2. A sannyāsa dāṇḍa in His hand, He seemed like the monarch of all kingdoms. On His limbs saffron garments glistened.
3. His followers sat around Him. Smiling and smiling, the Lord said to them:
4. "O devotees headed by Śrīvāsa, please return to your own āśramas.
5. "If the smiling-faced Lord is merciful to Me, I will go to Nīlācala to see Lord Jagannātha.

6. "Please follow My command. Stay in Navadvīpa. Day and night perform saṅkīrtana of chanting the holy names.
7. "Chant the holy names of Lord Hari. Serve the devotees. Establish the saṅkīrtana movement. This command I give to you all.
8. "Keep no envy in your hearts. With all your hearts worship and serve each other."
9. After speaking these words, Lord Gaura at once stood. He embraced everyone in His arms.
10. Tears of love flowed from His two eyes. His voice was choked with emotion.
11. At that moment Haridāsa, a blade of grass between his teeth, fell down before the Lord's lotus feet.
12. He wept piteously. Every heart broke to hear him.
13. Lord Gaura became filled with emotion. His eyes were filled with tears. His heart overcome, He said:
14. "After how many days will I become fortunate like you? When will I fall before Lord Jagannātha's feet and weep as you do?

15. "When, approaching Lord Jagannātha's feet, will I speak words filled with sincere emotion? When, gazing at Lord Jagannātha's graceful glorious face, will My eyes bear their fruit?"

16. After speaking these words, Lord Gaura fell to the ground. The devotees around Him on four sides wept.

17. Gazing at her son, Śacī yearned to embrace His neck. But she did not weep, for in a moment she fell unconscious.

18. One devotee, his hair in disarray, grasped Lord Gaura's feet and wept. The devotees struggled to control their emotions.

19. Śrīvāsa, Haridāsa, Murāri, and Mukunda said to the Lord:

20. "You are supremely independent. We are under Your dominion. We are poor, ill-behaved sinners.
We have no true devotion.

21. "What power have we to say anything? You have accepted sannyāsa. Now You will leave Your servants and go away.

22. "You are the only master of us all. How will You

walk on the pathways? When You become hungry or thirsty, from whom will You get food?

23. "You are Śacī's dear son. Viṣṇupriyā serves Your two feet.

24. "Your glance is nectar splashed on the devotees eyes. With Your own hands You planted the tree of spiritual love and made it grow.

25. "Now that tree yearns to bear many fruits of ecstatic spiritual love. By accepting sannyāsa You made that tree's hopes barren.

26. "The life breath will not leave our sinful bodies. We will bid You farewell and we will return to our homes.

27. "We, the most fallen, will return to our homes. All this is not Your true nature. You are the purifier of the fallen (patita-pāvana).

28. "Destiny anointed Your form with mercy. Destiny gave You many treasures of playful, glorious, graceful pastimes.

29. "You are the protector of the individual spirit souls. You are full of ecstatic spiritual love. Your form is the greatest wonder in the three worlds.

30. "Nothing in the three worlds compares to You. But when You speak cruel words, the whole world becomes filled with sorrow.

31. "Please do not try to cheat us in this way. Why will You cut the roots of the tree You Yourself planted?

32. "Please take the devotees with You when You go. If You do not, we will fall into flames and die.

33. "Look. Look at Your helpless widowed mother Śacī. We cannot bear to hear her lament.

34. "Viṣṇupriyā's weeping makes the ground crack. The busy marketplaces of Navadvīpa have become a barren desert.

35. "The Vaiṣṇavas homes have become barren deserts. It seems that the Vaiṣṇavas homes are now eight miles from each other.

36. "If we sit down and talk about You, we will die. We cannot do otherwise.

37. "Never again will we hear of Your confidential pastimes. Never again will we see you dance in ecstasy or give everyone ecstatic spiritual love.

38. "Never again will we see You dancing or

embracing everyone. Never again will we see Your reddish eyes filled with tears of ecstatic spiritual love.

39. "Never again will we hear the nectar of Your loud calls. Who now blocks our eyes and ears?

40. "If we cannot see the moon of Your face, how will we remain alive? We still have eyes. Who, then, now makes us blind?

41. "O Lord, please do not bid us farewell. We will go with You. Your cruel words make our bodies burst into flames.

42. "When the hunter rings his bell, the doe approaches. Then the hunter grabs the doe and kills her.

43. "In the same way from You we learned of ecstatic spiritual love. You made us yearn to attain that love. Why do You now kill us?

44. "Separated from You, the devotees will all die. How can You be called Bhakta-vatsala (the Lord who loves His devotees)?

45. "How can You bid farewell to Śacī? Who will give her this news?

46. "Simply by hearing this news Visnupriya will at once die. Please consider these words."
47. When the devotees had spoken these words, kind-hearted Lord Gaura smiled and said:
48. "O devotees, please hear My words. Never will I be cruel to you.
49. "I will reside in Nīlācala. You may always come and see Me there.
50. "The shoreless ocean of ecstatic spiritual love will increase. The whole world will float in the ecstasy of harī-nāma-saṅkīrtana (chanting Lord Hari's holy names).
51. "No heart will feel suffering or sorrow. Everyone will be plunged in the ocean of saṅkīrtana.
52. "I will always stay in the embrace of Viṣṇupriyā, of My mother Śacī, and of anyone who worships Lord Kṛṣṇa."
53. Hearing these words, everyone fell at Lord Gaura's feet. "Lord, please promise that these words will always be true."
54. "They will always be true, always be true, always be true.", Lord Gaura said again and again. "I will

reside in Nīlācala. These words of Mine will always be true."

55. Śacī-devī fell down like a stick. She was not peaceful. Two devotees picked her up.

56. She said: "You are merciless. Where will You go? Unable to see You, my dear son, I will die.

57. "How many times will everyone else see Your face? Only unfortunate I will never see Your face again.

58. "Everyone else You have comforted. Dear son, how will You comfort me?

59. "In this world no one is unfortuane like me. Now an iron spear of grief is pushed into Viṣṇupriyā's heart."

60. Smiling, merciful-hearted Lord Gaura said: "Forgetting the spiritual truth you already know, you make yourself die with false grief.

61. "Please return home. Keep no grief in your heart. Without envy stay amongst the devotees."

62. Falling down like a stick, Lord Gaura offered obeisances to His mother. With many words He comforted her.

63. After comforting His mother, the Lord said:
"Haribol!" Then He quickly departed. A tumult of
weeping at once arose.

64. Lord Advaita Acārya ran after Lord Gaura.
After an hour He caught up with Him.

65. Lord Mahāprabhu fell down like a stick to offer
obeisances to Advaita Acārya. Lord Advaita picked
HIm up and embraced Him.

66. Lord Advaita's face was withered with grief.
Drops and drops of perspirated rested on His chest.
His heart was filled with sorrow. To Lord Gaura He
said:

67. "You will go to another country. That brings Me
great sorrow. Flames of sorrow burn in My heart.

68. "I have spoken My heart. Lord, please consider
My words and give Your reply.

69. "In separation from Your lotus feet Your
sorrowing devotees only weep.

70. "Why does My sinful heart not melt with grief?
My hard heart is made of wood. That is why tears do
not come to My eyes.

71. "My actions are all evil. That is why, in Your

absence, ecstatic spiritual love does not arise in My heart."

72. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura smiled, embraced Lord Advaita, and said: "I will tell You the truth. Please listen to My words.

73. "Because You love Me so dearly I will never leave You. I am tightly bound by the ropes of Your love."

74. Speaking these words, Lord Gaura tied a knot in His garment. Advaita Acārya was overcome with feelings of love. In His heart He again and again thought of Lord Gaura.

75. Five or seven flooding rivers of tears flowed from the oceans of His eyes. He had no power to express the love He felt.

76. Then Lord Gaura restrained His turbulent emotions. Wise Advaita Acārya also restrained His emotions.

77. Lord Advaita said: "Love for You has never risen within Me. I have no power to attain love for You."

78. Lord Gaura said: "O Acārya, please hear. I am controlled by the love You bear for Me. Please always remember Our pastimes together."

79. After speaking these words, Lord Gaura quickly departed. All the Vaiṣṇavas then returned to their homes.

80. Thus Locana dāsa describes how Lord Gaura, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, accepted sannyāsa, and how that act pushed an iron lance of sorrow into the devotees hearts.

Song 39 (Bhaṭiyāri rāga)

81. Bidding farewell to everyone, Lord Gaura departed. The town of Navadvīpa became like a barren desert.

82. Accompanied by Śrī Gadadhara Pandita, Lord Nityānanda Avadhutarāya, Narahari, and other devotees, the Lord walked.

83. Accompanied by Śrīvśa, Murāri, Mukunda, and Dāmodara, Lord Gaura walked.

84. In His heart Lord Gaura thought, "Soon I will see Lord Jagannātha's Dola-yātrā festival. Chanting,

"Hari! Hari!", Lord Gaura quickly walked.

85. In this way He walked on the pathways. One moment, overcome with ecstatic love, He trembled.

Now He had no power to walk.

86. Another moment He quickly walked like a ferocious lion. Another moment He loudly roared with Lord Hari's holy names.

87. Another moment He danced. Another moment He sang. Another moment He piteously wept. Another moment He slapped His arms. Another moment He became wild with ecstatic spiritual love.

88. From His reddish eyes flooding rivers of tears flowed without stop. The hairs of His body stood erect.

89. One moment He slowly walked. Another moment He spoke words not of this world. Another moment He loudly, loudly laughed. Another moment He fell down like a stick.

90. If some food was offered to Him, He would not accept it. He said: "It was not offered to Lord Kṛṣṇa."

91. By this example He kindly taught the people of

the world how to act. Only two or three times, after some effort, did He find some Kṛṣṇa-prasādam that He would eat.

92. Keeping an all-night vigil, He chanted ther holy names of Lord Hari. Loudly He chanted this verse, the abode of glories:

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rāma rāghava rāma rāghava rāma rāghava rakṣa
mām
kṛṣṇa keśava kṛṣṇa keśava kṛṣṇa keśava pāhī mām

94. In a sweet voice He sang this song. Then, overcome with ecstatic spiritual love, He became choked with emotion.

95. With joyful hearts many pilgrims accompanied Lord Gaura as He went to see Lord Jagannātha at the Dola-yātrā festival.

96. At a certain time and place the pilgrims encountered on the path a wicked and sinful toll-collector.

97. This toll-collector harassed many travelers. Lord Gaura suddenly ran behind everyone.

98. Avadhūta Gadādhara Pañdita was surprised.
"Why did the Lord go behind everyone?", he thought.

99. Thinking and thinking, Gadādhara fell further and further behind. Then Gadādhara looked ahead and saw the toll-collector binding the pilgrims.

100. Seeing this he was very surprised and relieved.
The hairs of his body stood erect.

101. Seeing the withered and saddened faces of the pilgrims, Lord Gaura approached them like a ferocious lion.

102. Seeing the Lord, the pilgrims loudly wept. They were like frightened children suddenly placed on their mother's lap.

103. They were like singed forest animals fleeing a forest fire and suddenly jumping into the Gaṅgā's waters.

104. Falling at Lord Gaura's feet, the pilgrims wept. Seeing Lord Gaura, the sinful toll-collector thought in his heart:

105. "There is no human being in this world like Him. In my heart I know He must be Lord Jagannātha, the moon of öīlācala.

106. "I have brought sorrow to many people. What will happen to me? My heart trembles in fear."

107. Thinking this in his heart, the toll collector fell before Lord Gaura's feet. In a voice choked with emotion he said:

108. "I will release the pilgrims. I will not try to collect a toll from them. In my heart I know that You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself."

109. Speaking these words, the toll-collector fell at the Lord's feet and wept. He placed his head before Lord Gaura's lotus feet.

110. He trembled. In a voice choked with emotion he spoke many prayers. He said: "Please don't think I am a materialist and thus hate me."

111. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura smiled. He released the pilgrims and then happily continued walking.

112. After a few moment, the toll-collector, raising

his arms and calling out, began to follow Him.

113. Gazing at Lord Gaura, the toll-collector touched Him with his hand. Suddenly the toll-collector stopped.

114. Tears flowed from his eyes. The hairs of his body stood erect. He chanted the holy Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra without stop.

115. Seeing this, Nityānanda and Gadādhara became joyful. In this way Locana dāsa describes Lord Gaurāṅga's pastimes.

Song 40 (Sindhuḍā rāga-Diśā)

Refrain: O my brothers, please sing. Sing and hear the glories of Lord Gaura. O! O! O! Please yearn to attain the lotus feet of Lord Gaurāṅga. O! O! O! O! Whatever you see, whatever you see in this material world is all false. Therefore, O my brothers, please sing and hear the glories of Lord Gaura.

116. In this way, visiting and visiting many temples,
Lord Gauracandra walked on the path,
117. At village after village He would stop, vitī the
trmple, and dance.

118. Now please one hear a pastime of Lord
Nityānanda, the king of avadhūtas.

119. Placing His sannyasa danda in Lord
Nityānanda's hand, Lord Gaura Harī went ahead.
Lord Nityānanda followed somewhat behind.
120. Overcome with ecstatic spiritual love, Lord
Gaura ran ahead. Overcome with love for Lord
Kṛṣṇa, Lord Gaura forgot Himself.

121. Gadādhara and the others kept pace with Lord
Gaura. Seeing this, Lord Nityānanda lagged farther
and farther behind.

122. Slowly, slowly walking, Lord Nityānanda
thought and thought. "Now My Lord holds a daṇḍa
in His hand.

123. "Rejecting His beautiful flute that charms the
three worlds, He now holds a daṇḍa. How can I
tolerate that?

124. "My Lord accepted sannyāsa. He shaved His

head. That brought sorrow to everyone."

125. Thinking and thinking in this way, Lord Nityānanda felt His suffering grow more and more.

Finally He held up the daṇḍa and broke it.

126. The broken daṇḍa He threw into the water.

Afraid of Lord Gaura, Lord Nityānanda stayed behind and slowly, slowly walked.

127. After some time They both met. lord Gaura said: "Why do I not see My daṇḍa?"

128. Stepping back from Lord Gaura, Lored Nityānanda gave no reply. Surprised, Lord Gaura thought in His heart.

129. Again Lord Gaura asked: "Where is My daṇḍa? Not seeing My daṇḍa, I fell great sorrow in My heart."

130. Hearing these words, Lored Nityānanda Rāya said: "When I gazed at Your daṇḍa in My hand, My heart burst into flames.

131. "You accepted sannyāsa. You shaved Your head. And now You carry on Your shoulder a daṇḍa, a burdensome daṇḍa that must bring great sorrow to Your shoulder.

132. "I could not tolerate that. I broke Your dāṇḍa and threw it into the water. Now You may do whatever You do." With a voice choked with emotion, Lord Nityānanda spoke these words.

133. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura became unhappy. Angrily He said: "You do everything backward.

134. "The demigods made their home in My dāṇḍa. Why did You break it?

135. "You are a wild man. You have no steady intelligence. You act like a wild man. You have the heart of a child.

136. "You don't have any scholarship. You never follow the rules of religion. You reject varṇāśrama. You do everything backward.

137. "You don't think it's wrong to torment the demigods and varṇāśrama. If I tell You all this You only become angry."

138. Hearing these words, Lord Nityānanda smiled. In a voice choked with emotion He said to Lord Gaura:

139. "I never goment the demigods or varnasrama. I

may have acted well, or I may have acted ill. You decide.

140. "The demigods reside in Your daṇḍa. How can I tolerate Your carrying the demigods on Your shoulder?

141. "You acted well, and I acted ill. Why should I argue with You?

142. "I committed an offense. Please forgive Me this one time. By chanting Your holy name this whole world will become delivered.

143. "You are famous as Patita-pāvana (the purifier of the fallen). Therefore please forgive My offense.

144. "Simply by chanting Your holy name everyone in this world will become delivered. Your accepting sannyāsa brought great sorrow to Your devotees.

145. "You shaved the hair of Your head, hair that delighted everyone. That act brought great sorrow to Your devotees hearts.

146. "Seeing their sorrows, I feel My heart burst into flames. You don't need to ask Me. All the devotees are witness to this sorrow.

147. "Because of the sorrow it brought to Your

devotees, I broke Your daṇḍa and threw it away. It was not a danda. It was an iron lance pushed into My heart."

148. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura spoke no reply. His face was withered and sorrowful, but His heart was actually filled with joy.

149. Lord Nityānanda knows all the rasas of love for Lord Gaura Mahāprabhu. That is why He broke the daṇḍa. So says Locana dāsa.

Sārvabhauma-sammilana

Meeting Sārvabhauma

Song 41 (Bhāṭiyārī rāga-Disā)

Refrain: O! O! O! O! O my brothers, sing, please
sing the glories of Lord Gaura!

O friend, O friend of my life, please do not desire anything in this world of birth death. For as long as

you live in this world please never abondon Lord Mahāprabhu's feet.

1. Walking on the path, Lord Mahāprabhu came to the very holy place named Tamoluka.
2. He bathed in Brahma-kuṇḍa and saw the Deity of Śrī Madhusūdana. Lord Gaura was overcome with ecstatic spiritual love. His heart was joyful.
3. After some more days of walking on the path, Lord Mahāprabhu came to the village of Remuṇā.
4. In the great village of Remuṇā the Deity was Gopāla. Tossed by a shoreless ocean of bliss, Lord Gaura ran to see Him.
5. "In ancient times Uddhava established this Deity in Vārāṇasī. On the pretext of showing mercy to a certain brāhmaṇa, that Deity unexpectedly came to Remuṇā."
6. Saying these words, Lord Gaura offered obeisances again and again. "O master of Uddhava!", He called out.
7. "Today My eyes have borne their fruit. Now I see the Lord that Uddhava so dearly loved."

8. "Udhava! Uddhava!", Lord Gaura plaintively cried. Overcome with ecstatic spiritual love, Lord Gaura fell to the ground and wept.
9. From His reddish eyes tears flowed without stop. The hairs of His body stood erect. He trembled again and again.
10. Calling out, "O master of Uddhava!", He circumambulated the Deity. He danced with His followers. He called out, "Hari! Hari!"
11. The spiritual love and bliss was very great. It filled the land and sky.
12. Thd demigods joyfully flew there from outer space. With unblinking eyes they gazed at Lord Gaura.
13. With a thousand eyes King Indra gazed at Lord Gaura's body sweeter than nectar.
14. At that moment a flower suddenly fell from the crown on the Gopāla Deity's head.
15. A flower suddenly fell from the Deity's crown to the ground. With His hand Lord Gaura picked up that flower.
16. On four side the Vaiṣṇavas called out, "Hari!

Hari!" Waves of ecstatic love touched even the sky.

17. Indra, the king of the demigods, gazed at Lord Viśvambhara. Seeing these wonders, Indra bowed his shoulders and wept.

18. Till the day's end Lord Gaura danced. He did not stop. Then, at sunset, His dancing came to a stop.

19. Many different kinds of foods were offered to the Deity of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Then a brāhmaṇa offered the remnants to Lord Gaura.

20. Lord Gaura and His companions happily ate that mahā-prasādam.

21. They passed the night happily talking of Lord Kṛṣṇa. At sunrise they all departed.

22. In this way Lord Gaura walked and walked on the path. In this way He came to the bank of the Vaitaraṇī River.

23. Lord Gaura bathed in that river and drank its water. After bathing in that river that purifies the fallen, Lord Gaura went to see the Deity of the Lord.

24. Supremely wise Lord Gaura eagerly went to see the Deity of Lord Varāha.

25. Anyone who sees that Deity delivers his mother's and father's ancestors. Then Lord Gaura wne to the village of Yājapura.

26. In that place Brahmā and the demigods offered a yajña. They gave that village to a certain brāhmaṇa.

27. If a great sinner dies in that village he becomes free of all sins. He attains a body like that of Lord Śiva himself.

28. In that village are hundreds and hundreds of Śiva-liṅgas. Lord Gaura, who is Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself, bowed down before those liṅgas and then continued His journey.

29. With a joyful heart Lord Gaura went to see the Virajā River. Who has the power to describe the Virajā River's glories?

30. The sight of that river destroys many millions and millions of sins. With a joyful heart Lord Gaura gazed at the Virajā River.

31. Bowing down before the Virajā River, Lord Gaura said: "To Me please give pure love and devotion for Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet."

32. Lord Mahāprabhu then continued His journey

on the path. At Nābhi-gayā He offered piṇḍa to His ancestors.

33. He happily bathed in the waters of Brahma-kuṇḍa. Completing His worship of the Deity, Lord Gaura quickly continued His journey.

34. Then Lord Gaura gazed and gazed at the very holy city of Śivapura.

35. I have no power to describe the gracefulness of that city, where there are ten million forms of Lord Śiva and other Deities.

36-37. At that time Śrī Mukunda Datta said to Lord Gaura: "I know that we need not fear any more wicked toll-collectors."

38. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura smiled and said: "What can I say to you? You are a great soul.

39. "I have accepted the sannyāsa-āśrama. What can a toll-collector do to Me? Tell Me."

40. Hearing these words, Mukunda was no longer afraid. Still, he said: "That last toll-collector tried to trouble You."

41. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura said: "Please hear, O Mukunda. My family will protect Me.

42. "It is said (Śānti-śataka 4.1):

dhairyam yasya pitā kṣamā ca jananī sāntis ciram
gehinī
satyam sūnur ayam dayā ca bhaginī bhratā manah-
samyamaḥ
śayyā bhūmi-talam diśo 'pī vasanam jñānāmr̥tam
bhojanam
yasyaite hī kuṭumbino vada sakhe kasmād bhayam
yoginah

{.sy 168ý `Steadiness is his father, patience his mother, peacefulness his wife, truthfulness his son, mercy his sister, steadiness of mind his brother, the ground his bed, the directions his clothing, and the nectar of transcendental knowledge his food. These are the family of a yogī. Whom should such a yogī fear? Please tell.'

43. Hearing these words, Mukunda kept no fear in

his heart. Smiling and smiling, Lord Gaura said to him:

44. "Wait here some time for Me." Speaking these words, Lord Gaura departed to collect alms.

45. Gadādhara and some others also went. From place to place they collected alms.

46. At that time a toll-collector stopped everyone. He angrily bound Mukunda.

47. The whole day he kept Mukunda captive. His anger did not fall away. After many words he released him at sunset.

48. But first that wretched sinner took away each person's blanket, their only possession.

49. After collecting alms from place to place, at sunset the devotees assembled at the prearranged meeting place.

50. Lord Gaura also returned to that place. Seeing Him, the devotees felt their hearts become filled with bliss.

51. Falling at Lord Gaura's feet, Śrī Mukunda Datta wept and said: "Lord, I did not know Your true glories.

52. "As long as I stand before You I need not fear any toll-collector. They will stay far away from me.
53. "You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I know this, but then again I do not know it. Who is superior to You? Who is in a position that he can give alms to You?

54. "When I spoke to You I said I had no fear. Therefore it was good that the toll-collector did what he did to me."

55. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura asked Gadādhara: "What did the toll-collector do?"

56. Then Mukunda said: "Don't make a fuss. It was good. That is what I say of it. That is all I have to say of it."

57. That night the leader of the toll-collectors in that place had a dream. In that dream Śaci's son appeared before him.

58. The toll-collector saw Lord Gaura reclining on Ananta Śeṣa in the ocean of milk. Lakṣmī and Sarasvatī served Lord Gaura's feet.

59. Then the toll collector saw the sages headed by Sanaka and the demigods headed by Brahmā

offering prayers to Lord Gaura from afar.

60. Seeing all this, the toll-collector trembled in his heart. Seeing the Lord's power and glory, he fell to the ground.

61. Then Lord Gaura said: "Wearing sannyāsa garments, I now stand by the bank of the Virajā River. Your servants gave trouble to one of My devotees."

62. The toll-collector trembled in his heart. He was flooded by a shoreless ocean of fears. Quickly he went to Lord Gaura, who is Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself.

63. In a moment the leader of the toll-collectors very humbly offered obesiacnes to Lord Gaura.

64. He said: "You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You enjoy pastimes on the ocean of milk.

To deliver the people of the world You have accepted sannyāsa.

65. "You are a moon illuminating the blinding darkness of this world of birth and death. You are the Vedas personified. You are the highest truth described in the Vedas."

66. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura smiled and

said to the toll-collector: "My Lord Kṛṣṇa quickly give His mercy to You."

67. Saying these words, Lord Guara placed His feet on the toll-collector's head. At once the toll-collector was overcome with ecstatic spiritual love.

Raising his hands, he began to dance.

68. Giving His mercy to him, Lord Gaura empowered that toll-collector to deliver the people of that place. He taught him the truth of devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇa and He made him qualified to engage in devotional service.

69. At that moment the Vaiṣṇavas said to the toll-collector: "Your servants put in many troubling situations.

70. "Your servants also took away our blankets." Hearing these words, the toll-collector felt sorrow in his heart.

71. The leader of the toll-collectors then gave new blankets to the devotees. At this the Vaiṣṇavas became pleased at heart.

72. After first offering obeisances, the leader of the toll-collectors bid farewell to the devotees and then

returned to his own home.

73. Returning home, he engaged in devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇa. He took shelter of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Day and night he chanted Lord Hari's holy names in saṅkīrtana.

74. The devotees happily passed the night. At dawn they happily performed their morning duties.

75. Again and again Lord Gaura gazed at the Virajā River. Anyone who sees that river becomes delivered from this world of birth and death.

76. After offering obeisances to the Virajā River, Lord Gaura continued His journey. Ecstatic love for Lord Kṛṣṇa arose within Him. The hairs of His body stood erect.

77. Lord Gaura walked like a ferocious lion. Walking and walking, He came to the village of Ekāmraka.

78. In this village Śiva and Pārvatī stay. His heart now wild, Lord Gaura ran to see them.

79. After a little time Lord Gaura found the temple. Great longings filled His heart. He became wild with ecstatic love.

80. A beautiful flag fluttered above the temple. There were many Śiva-liṅgas in the village of Ekāmra.

81. Seeing the flag on the temple, Lord Gaura offered obeisances. Walking and walking, Lord Gaura entered the temple of Lord Śiva.

82. In the village of Ekāmra are ten million Śiva-liṅgas. When a person walks there, his heart should tremble in fear.

83. In that city are ten million Śiva-liṅgas, beginning with the liṅga named Viśveśvara. The ground of that city looks like sandeśa candy.

84. The waters of all holy rivers rest in the Mahā-bindu-sarovara lake there. Many different holy places also rest in that city.

85. Entering the temple, Lord Gaura saw Śiva and Pārvatī. He bowed down before them. He was overcome with ecstatic spiritual love.

86. Anyone who sees the liṅga of Śiva and Pārvatī finds his troubles broken into pieces.

87. Seeing the liṅga of Lord Śiva, Lord Gaura was overcome with ecstasy. His body trembled. He could

not remain peaceful.

88. From His reddish eyes tears flowed without stop.
The hairs of His body stood erect. Again and again
He recited prayers.

89. Thus Lord Gaura recited prayers to Lord Śiva.
The Vaiṣṇavas around Him on four sides also
recited prayers to Lord Śiva.

90. Then one of the servants of Lord Śiva offered to
Lord Gaura Lord Śiva's prasādam remnants of
fragrances, sandal paste, and flower garlands.

91. Offering obeisances to Lord Śiva, Lord Gaura
left the temple. Entering a devotee's house, He
rested.

92. He ate the food that devotee offered. In that
devotee's home He happily slept that night.

93. In this way He happily passed the night. Then,
at dawn, He who is the master of the three worlds
arose.

94. Lord Gaura bathed, performed His morning
duties, offered obeisances to Lord Śiva, and then
departed.

95. Accompanied by His associates, Lord Gaura

continued His journey. Now I will describe His associates conversation.

96. Please carefully hear a conversation of Murārī and Dāmodara, a conversation I will now describe.

97. Dāmodara Pañdita asked Murārī Gupta: "Why did Lord Gaura, who is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, accept the prasādam remnants offered to Lord Śiva?

98. "Because of Bhṛgu Muni's curse, no one should accept the prasādam remnants offered to Lord Śiva.

Why, then, did Lord Gaura accept them?

99. "Lord Gaura is very kind to the brāhmaṇas. Hearing and knowing of Bhṛgu Muni's curse, why did Lord Gaura disregard it?"

100. Murārī said: "Please hear. Hear, O Dāmodara. How can I know what is in Lord Gaura's heart?

101. "I can only speak as far as my intelligence knows. If your heart thinks they are right, you may accept my words.

102. "A person who serves Lord Śiva but does not honor the prasādam remnants Lord Śiva leaves behind does so only because he thinks Lord Śiva

and Lord Kṛṣṇa are different.

103. "The brāhmaṇa Bhṛgu spoke his curse for such persons, impure-hearted persons do not know Lord Śiva's true glories.

104. "However, a person who is fully aware that Lord Śiva and Lord Kṛṣṇa are not different, and who serves Lord Śiva, should certainly honor the prasādam remnants Lord Śiva leaves behind.

105. "Fully aware that Lord Śiva and Lord Kṛṣṇa are not different, he honors the prasādam remnants Lord Śiva leaves behind. Such a person brings great pleasure to both Lord Śiva and Lord Kṛṣṇa.

106. "Lord Śiva is the king of the Vaiṣṇavas. For this reason he should be worshiped.

107. "A person who eats the prasādam Lord Śiva ate with his own hand is released from the prison of the material world.

108. "In truth Lord Gaura was a guest on Lord Śiva's house. With a happy heart Lord Śiva offered Him all hospitality.

109. "Please hear. Bhṛgu Muni's curse is meant for non-devotees. A devotee who honors Lord Śiva

brings pleasure to Lord Kṛṣṇa.

110. "Lord Gaura descended to this world to teach the people." Dāmodara then said: "You have destroyed my foolish idea."

111. Hearing these words, everyone became joyful at heart. In this way Locana dāsa narrates Lord Caitanya's pastimes.

Song 42

Refrain: Please chant the sweet names Śrī Kṛṣṇa
Caitanya and Gauracandra!

O my brothers, the names of Lord Gaura are very rare in this world. To attain deliverance please do not chant anything else.

With your ears please drink the nectar of these songs about Lord Gaura for as long as you live in this world. Please never abandon hearing them.

112. Again please hear Lord Gauracandra's pastimes.

Love for Lord Gaura is like a flood of ever-new nectar.

113. Walking on the path with His associates, Lord Gaura continued His journey. He happily saw the Śiva Deity named Kapoteśvara.

114. Bowing down before the Deity, Lord Gaura continued His jounrey on the path. In this way He saw many holy places and many Śiva-liṅgas.

115. Accompanied by His assoxciates, He bathed in the glorious river named Bhārgavī.

116. After bathing He continued His journey. Suddenly He could see the temple of Lord Jagannātha in the distance.

117. The glory and effulgence of the temple defeated moonlight. Upon it was a red flag fluttering in the breeze.

118. On top of Nīlagirī Mountain was the temple of Lord Jagannātha. The temple was wonderfully white. Its glory defeated Mount Kailāsa.

119. Then Lord Gaura saw a bow black like añjana sitting on top of the temple.

120. Motioning with His hand, the body seemed to

invite Lord Gaura to come. Seeing this, Lord Gaura was overwhelmed. He fell down to offer respectful obeisances.

121. Lord Gaura fell to the ground. No longer was He conscious. He made no sound. It was as if He had abandoned His life.

122. Seeing this, everyone became anxious at heart.

"Lord! Lord!", they cried. The Lord gave no reply.

123. "What should we do! What should we do?", they asked. Everyone was distraught. Lord Gaura made no sound. It was as if His life ended and now He was dead.

124. At that moment Lord Gaura suddenly awakened. The hairs of His body stood erect. He was overcome with ecstatic spiritual love.

125. Seeing this, everyone felt revived. It was as if life was again placed in their bodies.

126-127. Lord Mahāprabhu asked everyone: "With your eyes did you see atop the temple a graceful boy splendiferous like sapphires, a boy who charms the three worlds?"

128. Though no one had seen Him, they all

affirmed: "Yes. We saw Him." Everyone was bewildered and worried.

129. Again Lord Gaura said to everyone: "Look. The boy is standing by the temple's flag.

130. "His face is smiling. His graceful form is filled with nectar. With wonderful grace He moves His fingers.

131. "With His graceful lotus hand He beckons Me. In His left hand He holds a flute. He is the most glorious person in the three world."

132. Speaking these words, Lord Gaura very quickly walked. The Vaiṣṇavas joyfully followed Him.

133. The splendor of Lord Gaura's limbs defeated the splendor of ten million moons. His sandal-paste tilaka was effulgent.

134. His saffron garments defeated the splendor of the rising sun.

135. Lord Gaura Rāya gazed at Lord Jagannātha's temple. Again and again Lord Gaura offered respectful obeisances as He walked.

136. Flooding streams of tears flowed from His eyes without stop. The hairs of His trembling body stood

erect.

137. His heart overcome with ecstatic spiritual love,
Lord Gaura came to the very holy lake named
Mārkaṇḍeya-sarovara.

138. There Lord Gaura bathed, performed
auspicious rituals, offered obeisances, and hurriedly
continued on His journey.

139. With a happy heart Lord Gaura offered
obeisances to Yajñeśvara and then, His heart filled
with longings, hurried on His journey.

140. Again Lord Gaura saw Lord Jagannātha's
temple in the distance. Again He fell to the ground
to offer respectful obeisances.

141. Tears flowed from His eyes. Overcome with
very deep love, He wept.

142. Seeing Lord Gauracandra's great love, Lord
Jagannātha again beckoned with His hand.

143. "Come! Come!", Lord Jagannātha called. Gazing
at Lord Jagannātha, Lord Gaura was overcome. He
rolled on the ground.

144. Smiling with bliss, Lord Gaura said: "O Lord
Jagannātha, please be merciful to Me, so I may see

Your feet."

145. Again Lord Gaura gazed at Lord Jagannātha and again He wept. Again gazing at Lord Jagannātha, Lord Gaura felt His heart become filled with bliss.

146. The hairs of His body stood erect. Tossed by nectar waves of ecstatic spiritual love, Lord Gaura roared.

147. Lord Gaura quickly walked. Finally He came to the house of Vāsudeva Sārvabhuama.

148. Seeing Lord Gaura, Sārvabhauma felt great bliss. He offered the Lord a place to sit.

149. Glancing at Sārvabhauma, Lord Gaura said: "My heart longs to see Lord Jagannātha.

150. "How will I see the master of the great demigods? My heart longs to see Him."

151. Hearing these words, saintly Sārvabhauma glanced at Lord Gaura's form. Sārvabhauma's heart was filled with wonder.

152. Lord Gaura's form was glorious like molten gold or like Mount Sumeru. His face was effulgent. His eyes were like moonlight.

153. His neck was like a conchshell, or like a lion's neck. His eyes were long. His arms reached to His knees. His form was marked with all auspicious signs.

154. Gazing at Lord Gaura, Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya was overcome with bliss. He thought: "What I see is very wonderful.

155. "In all the worlds there is no man like Him. I do not know who among the demigods He is.

156. "It is Lord Nārāyaṇa, the master of Vaikuṇṭha who has come before me. I can guess that this person is the Supreme Lord Hismself."

157. Thinking in this way, saintly Sārvabhauma glanced at his son and said:

158. "Quickly go with Lord Caitanya. Whatever this great soul says, hear with great care.

159. "Take Him to Lord Jagannātha. Stay with Him."

160. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura Rāya became delighted. Accompanied by Sārvabhauma's son, He departed.

161. As Lord Gaura approached the Simha-dvāra gate, His body began to tremble. He had no power

to control it. He was overcome with ecstatic love.
162. He could not remain peaceful. He became like a wild man. His associates carefully stayed by His side.

163. After many efforts He controlled Hismelf enough to enter the Simha-dvāra gate. Then He quickly came to the Nāṭa-mandira.

164. Staying behind the Garuḍa-stambha, With steady eyes He gazed at the graceful moonlike face of Lord Jagannātha, the king of the three worlds.
165. His heart was filled with bliss. Like kadamba filaments, the hairs of His body stood erect.

166. Five or seven flooding rivers of tears flowed from his eyes. He forgot Himself. He was caught in the power of ecstatic love.

167. His garceful body overcome, Lord Gaura fell to the ground. His body was like the peak of golden Mount Sumeru fallen in a great wind.

168. Lord Gaura, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, was overcome with ecstatic spiritual love. With His two tightly closed hands He rubbed His closed eyes.

169. Calling out, "Hari!", Śaci's son began to dance.

In this way Lord Gaura and His associates entered the temple.

170. Gadādhara, Narahari, Nityānanda, Śrīvāsa, Dāmodara, Murāri, and Mukunda all danced.

171. Every devotee there joyfully danced. There was a great kīrtana of songs glorifying Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

172. Then, accompanied by His associates, Lord Gaura returned to Sārvabhauma's āśrama.

173. Returning to Sārvabhauma's home, again Lord Gaura began a kīrtana and again He danced.

174. Seeing this, Vāsudeva Sārvabhauma Bhāṭṭācārya felt great bliss in his heart. He was filled with wonder.

175. When Lord Mahāprabhu's dancing came to an end, Sārvabhauma asked that food be brought.

176. He sent some brāhmaṇas to bring prasādam. Then he sat down with Lord Gaura.

177. To learn about Him he asked some questions of Lord Gaura.

178. "Where is Your birthplace. Please tell me." Lord Gaura replied: "What you say is true."

179. Bhaṭṭācārya asked: "Why do You speak in this way? I ask a question, and You reply by speaking of something else. Why do You do that?"

180. To this Lord Gaura became silent. He was deep like an ocean. Again the learned brāhmaṇa Sārvabhauma asked questions of Lord Gaura.

181. "Who are Your mother and father? Please tell me." Lord Gaura replied: "What you say is true."

182. Again Sārvabhuama asked a question. He asked: "Where did You accept sannyāsa?"

183. Lord Gaura replied: "You will know the truth. That is certain." Hearing this, Sārvabhauma became very surprised at heart.

184. He had no power to understand the intentions of Lord Gaura, who is victorious over all the Brahmās.

185. "Is this person the Supreme Personality of Godhead? or is He only a wild man?" His intelligence stunned, Sārvabhauma became angry.

186. At that moment a large quantity of prasādam was brought to Sārvabhauma. Seeing the prasādam, Lord Gaura became wild with ecstatic spiritual love.

187. Attaining Lord Jagannātha's mahā-prasādam food remnants, Lord Gaura, smiling and smiling, bowed down to offer respectful obeisances.

188. He made a great deep sound, a sound like a lion's roar that filled the universe.

189. At that moment a host of demigods, gandharvas, humans, jackals, dogs, and snakes came before Lord Gaura.

190. Into the mouths of all of them Lord Gaura Joyfully placed that prasādam. Lord Nityānanda, Gadādhara, and the other personal associates of the Lord had the power to see all this.

191. Though they knew of these secret pastimes, they did not tell anyone.

192. Then Lord Gaura and His associates ate that prasādam At that time Śrīvāsa said:

193. "Lord, there is a question ī would ask, but I fear to speak. Lord, if You give Your permission, I will not be afraid to ask.

194. "As You were eating the prasādam I was surprised to see You so joyfully smile and laugh. Please tell me the reason You smiled and laughed

so."

195. Hearing these words, Lord Gaura became joyful. Revealing His heart, He said:

196. "Please hear, O brāhmaṇa. Because of Goddess Kātyāyanī's vow the dogs and jackals eat the great treasure that is the Lord's prasādam.

197. "Indra, Candra, and all the demigods and gandharvas could not attain this prasādam. Even with a heroic struggle they could not attain it.

198. "Even Nārada, Prahlāda, Śukadeva and the other great devotees could not attain it. Now I have revealed My heart.

199. "That was in the past. Now every living entity eats this mahā-prasādam. With these words I have revealed to you My heart.

200-201. "Anyone who, somehow attaining mahā-prasādam, thinks it only ordinary food, and thus does not eat it loses all the piety he has earned in his past births. He takes birth in the womb of a pig.

202. "Even if it has fallen from a dog's mouth, one should eat prasādam. Prasādam never has any defect."

203. Then Lord Gaura respectfully ate prasādam. At dusk He went to see Lord Jagannātha.

204. Entering the temple, He gazed at Lord Jagannātha's graceful face. The whole universe could not hold the bliss He felt within His heart.

205-206. Gazing at the effulgence of Lord Jagannātha's body, an effulgence that defeats the new monsoon clouds, and also gazing at Lord Jagannātha's wonderful lotus eyes, Lord Gaura became plunged in an ocean of bliss. Overcome with ecstatic spiritual love, He rolled on the ground.

207. Lord Gaura was wild with bliss. His tall form glorious like Mount Sumeru rolled on the ground.

208. The effulgence of lord Gaura's body made dark Lord Jagannātha become fair. Lord Gaura's body was filled with ecstatic love. He was completely overcome.

209. Lord Balarāma also became fair. The pūjarīs did also. Every person there felt his body become filled with ecstatic spiritual love.

210. The pūjarīs picked up Lord Gaura and placed Him next to Lord Jagannātha. Then the pūjarīs

offered āratī to Them both: the moving and the unmoving forms of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

211. Lord Jagannātha manifested the form of a sannyāsī. No one had seen such a wonder.

212. After some moments Lord Gaura returned to external consciousnesses. Accompanied by His associates, He returned to Sārvabhauma's āśrama.

213. In this way Lord Gaura saw Lord Jagannātha three times. Plunged in an ocean of bliss, Lord Gaura did not know if it was day or night.

214. In this way Lord Gaura, who is very wise in the ways of ecstatic spiritual love, passed some days enjoying wonderful pastimes with His associates.

215. Please carefully hear of a pastime from that time. It was the first time Lord Gaura manifested such a pastime at Jagannātha Puri.

216. To teach the people of the world, the Supreme Lord accepted the role of a penniless sannyāsī. Unaware of the Lord's true nature, the fools thought Him a mere human being.

217. Staying in a cottage by the seashore, and

accompanied by His associates, Lord Gaura sang His own holy names.

218. Śrī Sārvabhauma was bewildered by pride in his great learning. When Lord Gaura was not present Sārvabhauma once spoke some foolish words.

219. In an assembly of saintly brāhmaṇas Sārvabhauma said: "In my heart I know He is a good brāhmaṇa.

220. "He is born in an exalted family. He is a learned paṇḍita, and now He is a sannyāsī. Still, a man so young should not accept sannyāsa.

221. "It is not right to accept sannyāsa at that time of life. Unaware of this truth, He has accepted very serious responsibilities.

222. "Again He should perform the saṃskāra. He should study Vedānta and perform the duties of his āśrama.

223. "To sing and dance is not a sannyāsī's duty. Instead He should hear my explanation of Vedānta."

224. Smiling Lord Gaura suddenly arrived in that assembly. He was like an unending monsoon of sweetness.

225. Aware of all that had happened, Lord Gaura approached. Remaining seated, Sārvabhauma read from Vedānta.

226. Lord Gaura approached Sārvabhauma. Seeing the Lord, Sārvabhauma respectfully stood. His heart was filled with wonder.

227. Speaking respectful words, He offered an āsana for the Lord to sit. Lord Gaura requested: "How can I know what is proper?

228. "O Sārvabhauma Bhāṭṭācārya, you know everything. Therefore I ask you: Please teach Me what is right.

229. "Unaware of the sannyāsa-āśrama's duties, I have somehow accepted sannyāsa. Therefore you please teach me how to follow the rules of sannyāsa.

230. "You know all truths. Please explain Vedānta. Howe should I act? Please teach that to Me.

231. "A young man should not accept sannyāsa. Should I, then, again accept the sacred thread and the status of a householder brāhmaṇa?"

232. Hearing these words, Sārvabhauma Bhāṭṭācārya hesitated in his heart. He was very

surprised.

233. He thought: "How did this sannyāsī know what I had said to my disciples?"

234. Thinking in this way, he felt crushed by embarrassment. He did not say anything. His heart was filled with wonder.

235. On another day Lord Gaura, accompanied by His associates, again came to Sārvabhauma's home to see.

236. Sārvabhauma was sitting at home and studying Vedānta. Smiling and smiling, Lord Gaura asked him about the conclusion of Vedānta.

237. Lord Gaura asked him to explain the hidden secrets of Vedānta, the secrets that are nectar descriptions of surrendering to Lord Kṛṣṇa's feet.

238. Hearing these words, Sārvabhuama felt his heart become filled with wonder. He thought:
"Śacī's son is not a mere human being.

239. Now I am pressed by embarrassment. In my heart I am afraid. Although I heard the Lord's words, I did not understand their true meaning.

240. "Fill of pride, I listened, studied, and taught my

disciples.

241. "Now that I have heard His explanation of Vedānta, I know Lord Gaura must be Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself, The Lord whom Goddess Sarasvatī dearly loves."

242. Thinking in this way, Sārvabhauma, the king of the brāhmaṇas folded his palms, gazed at Lord Gaura, and spoke many prayers.

243. At that moment Lord Gaura manifested a siṅ-armed form. Gazing at this form, Sārvabhauma became wild with bliss.

244. In His upper two arms, the Lord held a bow and arrow. In His middle two arms He placed a flute to His lips.

245. In His lower two arms He held a daṇḍa and kamaṇḍalu. Gazing at this form, Sārvabhauma was overcome with bliss.

246. Falling at Lord Gaura feet, humbled Sārvabhauma wept and spoke many prayers in a voice choked with emotion.

247. In a voice choked with emotion he spoke the thousand prayers the people of this world know as

the "Caitanya-sahasra".

248. Overcome, he fell before Lord Gaura's feet. In this way Lord Gaura revealed His true identity to Sārvabhauma. Thus says Locana dāsa.

249. In this way Lord Gaura enjoyed many blissful pastimes. The people of Nīlācala blissfully gazed on the Lord.

250. The glories of Lord Jagannātha delighted every heart. Present everywhere, they touched the sky.

251. Who has the power to know and describe all of Lord Caitanya's pastimes? I do not know them all. I know and speak only of some few of them.

252. The physician Śrī Murāri Gupta is very fortunate and glorious in the three worlds. Śrī Dāmodara Pañdita asked questions of him.

253. Murāri Gupta wrote a book of ślokas describing those questions and answers. By the mercy of those two persons the people of this world can hear something of Lord Gaura's pastimes.

254. Hearing that book, my heart has become wild to taste the sweetness of Lord Gaura's glories. Not

looking at my own faults, my heart is now
overcome.

255. Therefore, as far as my intelligence allows, I, a
fool worthless like a pile of ashes, write this book in
the meter pāñcālī.

256. I have spoken the Sūtra-khaṇḍa, Adī-khaṇḍa,
and Madhya-khaṇḍa. Now I will speak the Śeṣa-
khaṇḍa.

257. The Madhya-khaṇḍa, where Lord Caitanya's
pastimes and divine revelations are described, is
now concluded. Thus says Locana dāsa.

Thus ends the Madhya-khaṇḍa